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Election Debacle in Highlands East

Secret Taping of Reeve's Altercation Sparks Campaigner's Resignation

Exclusive to the County Voice

Tim Drew, a member of Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie's campaign team, has resigned in protest over his candidate's alleged use of secret tape recordings. Mackie is running for Reeve against incumbent Dave Burton.

Local politics and municipal elections can often become a battle of wits between competing candidates and opponents have to be careful to keep their powder dry between skirmishes. However, in Highlands East it seems that Mackie may be spreading enough powder around to completely ignite this small town election, and blow it right out of the water.

At least that's the perspective of Drew, who has a story to tell about candidates misreading people, the use of tape recorders and disappointment.

The use of recording devices is becoming far more common on a day to day basis, and they can be very beneficial in a multitude of circumstances. However, from time to time, they are used for darker purposes which the OPP consider to be a very grey area.

Speaking in rather general terms local OPP officers have advised the Voice that there is nothing illegal about recording conversations and, in fact, many cases have been solved as a direct result of recordings. However, they have also suggested that, depending on their application or how various circumstances surrounding the tapes are handled, recorded conversations can lead to any number of civil or even criminal charges.

This story begins with an altercation between a young Highlands East firefighter and Reeve Dave Burton and Burton's wife Jane. The firefighter, who had recently been given a verbal warning about his behaviour by Fire Chief Bill Wingrove, approached Burton and his wife at their home.

According to Burton, the conversation quickly got out of hand and despite being asked to leave by the couple, the firefighter reportedly pushed Burton's wife which resulted in Burton losing his cool and threatening the firefighter with physical harm if he didn't leave, which eventually the young man did, leaving the couple shaken.

According to Drew, shortly after the altercation took place, Mackie showed up at his home, proudly toting a recording of the conversation between the firefighter and the Burtons. Apparently the incident had been recorded by the firefighter, unbeknownst to the Burtons. Drew said that it appeared that Mackie wanted to create a stir.

Although a number of attempts have been made to contact Mackie to determine exactly how the recording came into his possession and what his side of the story might be, neither he nor the firefighter in question have chosen to respond to phone messages or to e-mails detailing the circumstances and asking for some form of response.

Burton later told the Voice that he was extremely upset by the altercation at his home and he approached the OPP to try to determine what he should do. He said that although the police had suggested that the couple could lay charges against the fire fighter, he wanted to avoid taking that step.

"I was very disappointed that the firefighter showed up in the first place. The fire department has a chain of command and that wasn't being followed. When I confronted him after speaking to the police, I actually thought he was taping me again and when I asked how Mackie got a recording of our conversation, he said he just happened to run into him."

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter
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Fewer Flowers For Fawns

By Courtney Griffin

Gardeners around the community have been clamouring to discover the secret to Sheila Ziman's stunning gardens, and she has finally shared a few of her secrets. The biggest problem locals have with their gardens isn't getting the plants to grow...it's keeping them out of the mouths of hungry deer.

"Part of it is trial and error, and I've learned some of it from books and reading," explained Sheila. "The deer are pretty smart, so they seem to know what kind of plants and flowers are poisonous." Sheila and Pauline Plooard are working on a list of flowers, trees and shrubs that the deer shy away from and refuse to eat, which will certainly aid gardeners with deer problems.

Sheila delved into the defences that some plants possess, such as Monkshood which has a built-in toxin to repel animals and potential threats. Some tactics, such as thorns and smells, do not deter the animals, as Sheila warned,

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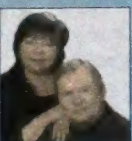
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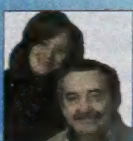
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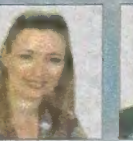
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Reeve Dave Burton

Mackie has announced his candidacy for the position of Reeve in the upcoming election, and Drew said that he had initially been asked to help with Mackie's campaign. "I offered to help, but on the condition that it was a clean campaign with no secret recordings and he agreed," Drew said, adding that Mackie had a penchant for recording almost all of his conversations and meetings.

After listening to the tape that Mackie

proffered, Drew said that he almost immediately recognized the voices. "When (Mackie) said it sounded like Burton threatening the firefighter and asked me what I thought about it, I told him it sounded like a man defending his family. I also told him that I didn't approve of secret tape recordings and that it would have to stop.

"I had to draw the line right there. It seemed to be nothing less than a nasty setup and I wanted nothing more to do with the man.

"I couldn't fathom his actions," he said, adding that for a supposed friend to think that he would act on the tape was a clear indication that Mackie didn't know him very well. He said that the experience had hurt him deeply, adding that he felt compelled to approach Burton, put his cards on the table and let him know that the conversation had been taped.

Drew said that he couldn't help wondering at the time if Mackie's actions were some kind of election ploy. "But now I can see that he was expecting me to put all of my values and morals aside. And to make matters worse, he was suggesting that we take things one step further and record a conversation with the Fire Chief and somehow try to use it against him as well. Things had really gone too far."

When asked why he had come forward with the story, Drew said, "This is extremely difficult for me. I have lost a friend over this, but (Burton and his wife) are victims and I wanted to try to cap any rumours to the contrary. I cannot sit by and allow this to happen without people knowing about it."

"At the end of the day," said Drew, "when the elections have come and gone, we all have to pass each other on the street. It is a small community and if candidates could stop the back stabbing and putting false accusations out there and start talking about the positive things they're going to do for the betterment of the community, we'd all be better off."

At press time Deputy Reeve Mackie had still not responded to any of our requests for a comment or explanation. □

Hey Whatever You do – Don't Mention the Weather

After twin summers of discontent, Haliburton businesses feeling the love

The patio is full, the beach is rockin' and kids are playin' in the sand on the waterfront of the Bonnie View Inn.

Warm sunny days engender such frolicsome nonchalance and bonhomie.

Begging the question.

Do you remember when we had summers in Haliburton?

Shhhhh!

Still early days.

And no one in the tourist industry in and around the Haliburton Highlands wants to say anything about the weather.

Except a qualified whisper, usually accompanied by a glancing glimpse heavenward.

"Well so far it's been great," they'll say.

Followed by a wince, and sheepish shrug of the shoulders. And after twin summers from hell in 09 and 08, perhaps it's best just to leave it at that.

It's like cottage country business owners are waiting for the shivering hammer of god to fall on Thor's anvil once again.

Mother Nature is a fickle mistress and like a hitter on a hot streak or a pitcher in the seventh inning of a no-hitter, everyone with a stake in tourist bucks in this county is still staying mum.

"So's not to put da' jinx on" what so far qualifies in the bumper crop category. A simply stellar summer season.

Quick, someone throw some salt over your shoulder ... find a horseshoe ... leave that umbrella on the doorstep ... and please take those shoes off the table.

And fingers-crossed, the summer of 2010 is enlisting and exhibiting the tremulous trending of a very embraceable season.

For BonnieView Inn owners Andrea Hagarty and Monte Miscio, well, they're just happy to be able to welcome packed houses to their outdoor patio this season.

I was dining indoors at the BV last week on my birthday and Andrea was again hopping to manage the last minute bookings.

"Look, I'm not complaining," laughed Hagarty.

Hagarty and Miscio, the husband and wife tandem who have called Bonnie View home for a combined three plus decades of service are quite happy to welcome the boaters and the sightseers, and the tourists and the locals flocking en masse to the indoor dining room for dinner and the outdoor patio for a sunny nosh or beverage.

Andrea says that tourist season in the Highlands is the icing on the cupcake. This year has been one hell of a year.

"We're really looking forward to a great summer," smiles Hagarty, a few weeks ago on the patio overlooking the Kash. "This summer more than any other summer that I've been here – this is my twentieth summer here, and our sixth summer as owners – is the biggest last minute summer," says Hagarty. "(Arranging for staffing) has been incredible. We come out expecting half a patio, and all of a sudden we have a full house and I thought we'd only get half a house. Which is amazing, and definitely awesome."

Hot summers prompt sales and many businesses in and around Haliburton have been noticing nice yields from this season of sun.

This year the Bonnie View is also glad to welcome another local businessman to their shores.

Ski-Mazing Watersports in Haliburton has made the move from the Wigamog Inn – which is located directly across the lake from the Bonnie View – to the historic Bonnie View.

Craig Bowker, owner of Ski-Mazing who grinds a full time gig with Patient News here in Haliburton, has been rocking his popular ski school and water sports emporium in and around the Highlands for six summers.

"I had to make a decision after Wigamog closed and I've known Andrea for years," smiles Bowker.

The last two years adversely affected Bowker's Ski-Mazing numbers. And last year, believe it or not, many students had to don wetsuits before taking a lesson. This year all that has changed.

It's all swimsuits and warm water.

"It's very nice to see this weather," smiles Bowker. "We even received an early start on May 24th this year, and the weather has been very cooperative so far."

Meanwhile over at Sharpley's Source for Sports on Highland Street in Haliburton, Glenn Sharpley is also smiling.

He was knocked over by the July 1st weekend and was like Bowker really ecstatic about that early pre-summer bump on the May 24th holiday weekend.

Now he's looking forward to an equally boffo week, leading to Midnight Madness (tomorrow), that lovely little extravaganza that accompanies the August long weekend.

"That's a great night for both the businesses and the shoppers," says Sharpley. "We always offer some spectacular deals and it's a great event."

"May 24 was good but the July long weekend which is really your kick-start was better than most July weekends; and for sure better than the last three years," says Sharpley. "We're obviously looking forward to the August long weekend and the weather is looking great. We participate heavily in the Midnight Madness."

Jim Henwood, proprietor of Henwood's Variety on Highland is centrally located on the bustling main thoroughfare in Haliburton.

"My business at the store has been very good," says Henwood, who I chatted with while he was selling tarts and fudge at the Arts and Crafts fair last weekend.

"From the middle of June onwards and especially in July the business has been just phenomenal, and especially when we compare it to the last two years," says Henwood. Like Sharpley he's expecting some record crowds at Midnight Madness (July 30) and with the Smile Festival (next weekend) and the Rotary Carnival coming up in two weeks.

Now, whatever you do.

Do Not! Spend an inordinate amount of time on the Environment Canada website perusing the long range or five day bump and grind.

Trust Bowker on this.

"The one thing we all know about living here is that no one, and that includes Environment Canada, can properly predict the weather in Haliburton," says Bowker.

Just looked outside.

Sunny and 28 Celsius.

Shhhhhhhh!

Don't say a word.

Just pack up the Jeep and head for the beach. ■

By Terrance Gavan

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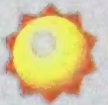
Rick will be in Haliburton the last Friday of each month to meet with constituents. To book an appointment, please call 1-800-424-2490. Meetings will take place in the Municipal Council Chambers, 135 Maple Ave.

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy, slight chance of PM shower
▲ 23° ▼ 13°

FRIDAY



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▲ 22° ▼ 12°

SATURDAY



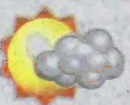
Increasing clouds and warmer
▲ 25° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY



Partly sunny with a few afternoon showers
▲ 24° ▼ 15°

MONDAY



Continued partly sunny
▲ 25° ▼ 15°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy and mild
▲ 25° ▼ 16°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of morning thunderstorms
▲ 26° ▼ 15°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be partly cloudy and comfortably mild today. There is a slight chance of an afternoon shower, but it should remain dry much of the day. Highs will be near 23. Dry conditions will be experienced tomorrow as skies will be mostly sunny. Highs will be near 22. Warmer weather will be experienced tomorrow while showers are possible Sunday.

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City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	34/25/sh	33/24/sh	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	32/27/su
Antigua	31/24/pc	30/24/ts	31/26/su	Nassau	32/26/su	31/25/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	30/26/ts	31/27/ts	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	36/21/ts	33/20/ts	33/21/cl
Bermuda	31/27/ts	30/26/ts	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/24/ts	33/25/sh	32/24/ts
Cancun	31/24/ts	30/25/sh	32/26/cl	St Thomas	30/24/ts	31/26/pc	32/26/ra
Curacao	32/27/pc	31/26/ts	30/27/ts	St Maarten	29/26/ra	30/26/su	29/26/ts
Freeport	32/24/su	32/25/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	26/18/ra	25/17/ts	26/19/ra
Georgetown	29/25/ts	30/26/ts	30/25/ts	San Juan	28/27/ra	29/28/su	32/26/ra
Havana	32/23/ts	33/23/su	34/24/su	San Salvador	31/19/sh	30/20/ts	32/22/su
Key West	33/28/ts	32/27/ts	32/28/sh	Santo Domingo	33/24/ts	32/25/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	33/25/su	Trinidad	30/26/ts	29/22/ts	29/22/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	23/13/sh	22/12/su	24/14/pc	24/15/sh	25/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/15/ts
Barrie	23/13/sh	22/12/su	25/14/pc	24/16/sh	26/15/pc	26/17/pc	26/16/ts
Dorset	23/13/sh	22/11/su	24/14/pc	24/14/sh	25/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/15/ts
Haliburton	23/13/sh	22/12/su	25/14/pc	24/15/sh	25/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/15/ts
Huntsville	23/13/sh	22/11/su	24/14/pc	24/14/sh	25/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/15/ts
Kingston	24/14/sh	23/13/su	26/16/pc	25/16/sh	26/16/pc	26/17/pc	27/16/ts
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Oshawa	24/15/sh	23/13/su	26/16/pc	26/16/sh	26/16/pc	27/17/pc	27/17/ts
Ottawa	23/12/sh	23/13/su	24/13/su	23/13/ts	24/13/pc	25/14/pc	26/15/ts
Toronto	24/15/sh	23/13/su	26/16/pc	26/16/sh	26/17/pc	27/18/pc	27/17/ts

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	30/14/pc	29/12/pc	22/17/pc	24/17/pc	26/18/pc	27/18/ts	27/18/pc
Edmonton	31/16/ts	28/15/ts	22/9/pc	21/8/ts	20/7/ts	21/8/sh	18/6/ts
Fredericton	23/15/sh	24/12/sh	24/12/pc	25/13/ts	26/13/ts	24/12/sh	25/13/pc
Halifax	22/18/sh	23/13/sh	20/13/pc	21/14/ts	20/13/pc	19/13/sh	21/13/pc
Montreal	24/14/sh	23/13/su	24/13/su	22/11/ts	23/12/pc	25/14/pc	24/14/ts
Regina	27/15/ts	30/15/pc	29/17/pc	28/16/pc	29/17/pc	29/18/ts	29/18/pc
St. John's	23/16/sh	21/16/sh	19/9/pc	19/9/pc	18/10/ts	18/9/sh	18/7/pc
Saskatoon	28/15/pc	30/14/ts	26/12/ts	24/11/pc	24/11/pc	24/12/ts	23/10/pc
Vancouver	22/16/su	23/15/su	22/15/pc	22/14/pc	21/13/sh	23/14/pc	23/14/pc
Whitehorse	24/9/pc	21/8/sh	21/9/pc	19/9/sh	21/10/sh	19/8/sh	17/6/sh
Winnipeg	27/16/pc	28/18/ts	28/16/ts	27/14/ts	26/13/ts	27/15/pc	26/14/pc

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Sunday 7/25	25°C	17°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 7/24	24°C	20°C	0.3 mm
Friday 7/23	24°C	17°C	0.5 mm
Thursday 7/22	24°C	16°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 7/21	23°C	17°C	9.1 mm
Tuesday 7/20	24°C	16°C	0.0 mm

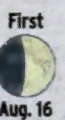
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Thu.	5:56 a.m./8:45 p.m.	9:59 p.m./9:34 a.m.
Fri.	5:57 a.m./8:43 p.m.	10:19 p.m./10:36 a.m.
Sat.	5:58 a.m./8:42 p.m.	10:40 p.m./11:38 a.m.
Sun.	5:59 a.m./8:41 p.m.	11:03 p.m./12:42 p.m.
Mon.	6:00 a.m./8:40 p.m.	11:31 p.m./1:47 p.m.
Tues.	6:02 a.m./8:38 p.m.	none/2:54 p.m.
Wed.	6:03 a.m./8:37 p.m.	12:06 a.m./4:00 p.m.



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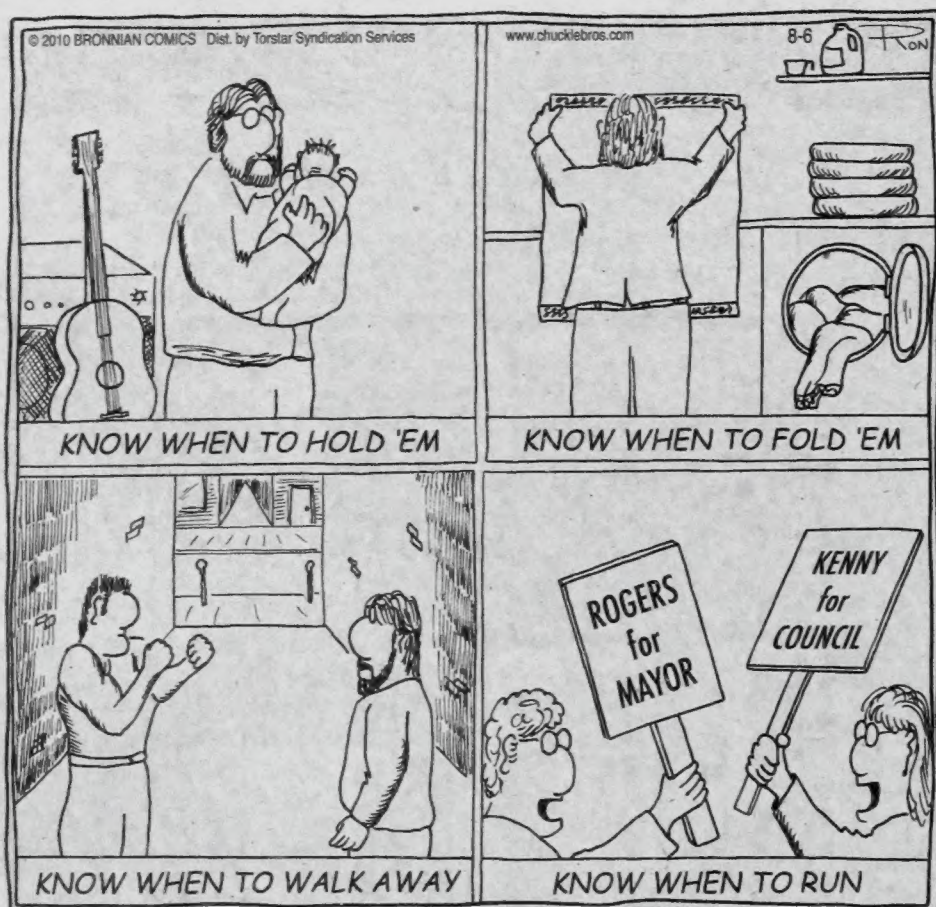
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A day in the life of Kenny Rogers

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

In response to Courtney Anne's Letter re Fireworks

Fireworks and fire – definitely an issue but only one reason for banning them.

Most people live in or visit cottage areas to get away from noisy, crowded, dirty cities. Cottage country is (or should be) quiet, spacious, and clean.

We are surrounded with wildlife – this is their home. Consider what the noise and poisons are doing to them, let alone the children that are breathing in these noxious fumes. You mentioned setting them off near water – very dangerous! The water animals ingest these poison pieces (along with the polluted water) and die a slow, painful death. One small lake lost its pair of loons on the May 24 weekend. Hopefully they survived and will return but more important, we hope the people have learned their lesson.

Our little lake is mostly quiet now – only one cottager used fireworks this year. We find that when you explain the damage fireworks cause, most people understand. Many of these people also have pets. The fear in these animals is painful to watch and unfortunately there are many dogs living on chains or in cages – they can't get away. Obviously their 'owners' would be unaware of their feelings.

Humans are by far the cruelest animals on earth – but they can also be the kindest. It's a choice we have.

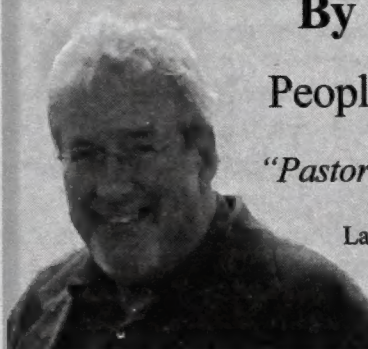
The Phipps Family
Boyne Lake
Harburn Road. ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

People, Parishes, and Communities

"Pastor Dave" Takes his Leave



Last Sunday Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton held an official good bye to its Ministry Director, Pastor David Bretzlaff, who has decided to accept a position as Pastor in a church in Leamington Ontario. For the past six years, "Pastor Dave" has worked closely with long-time Pastor Brian Plouffe and Resource Director

Pastor Murray Coles to make Lakeside Baptist a vibrant and energetic religious presence both to its own congregation and to the community at large.

The tributes to Pastor Dave's ministry from his fellow pastors, elders, and in particular the young people with whom he worked so closely, were extensive, heart felt, emotional, and yes, in some part tinged with sadness. For David Bretzlaff, in the six whirlwind years he's spent here in Haliburton County, touched the lives of hundreds of members of our community of all ages and of all faiths: he was particularly concerned with disaffected and lonely young people, as well as with those whose lives had been made hell through addiction, abuse, or bereavement.

I first met Pastor Dave through the strong friendship of our sons. These 12-year-olds have been in the same class for half their life, through thick and thin. Our families are in no way co-religionists. In fact it's hard to think of a single strictly 'religious' issue on which we'd agree. But we did agree on most every aspect of child-rearing, particularly boy-child rearing, as our sons tested their (and our) boundaries at every opportunity. We also, as parents, while not agreeing on just how open to modern pop culture kids should be, managed to negotiate successfully the sometimes murky area of – "just what on earth did I just hear on your iPod" – not to mention the darker areas of the Internet and cyberspace that are all available at a single keystroke.

A few years back our sons were among a group of boys who were, according to their excellent teacher, becoming a little over aggressive in class, disruptive, bordering on the disrespectful. This was at the beginning of the school year, and the teacher wondered if we might as parents help to curb the behaviour in some creative way. Dave and I talked, and decided, along with the other dads, to have a quiet early morning breakfast with the boys at the Kosy to discuss the situation. Dave led the talk, using humour and common sense, making it clear that this was no kangaroo court, but rather a chance to talk about friends, classmates, and respect. Within minutes the discussion became almost intensely animated, with the eight-year-olds falling over each other to contribute their views, and as well to listen as the adults tried to lay out a road map of acceptable behaviours. And the behaviours did change, rapidly. A year later some issues around bullying began to emerge and we repeated the process with similar results, including a prolonged and fascinating discussion with the boys of the roots of that kind of behaviour. Again, there was no religious agenda, at least in any formal sense, and the group of dads and boys were, in a faith sense, extremely diverse.

This is not to imply that Pastor Dave's work, in the community or in his own family, was not constantly informed and inspired by his deep religious faith. Rather, it's to show that his commitment to social justice, to shared values, and to his community were in no way at odds with that faith, and nor was that faith an exclusive preserve of the self-anointed. And because of that commitment and openness he became a major force in this community, whether in private counselling, breakfasts at the Kosy, ball hockey, the Glen Dart tournament, youth nights (all welcome.) His short six years here also showed how those of diverse views and beliefs can work creatively and intelligently to the benefit of all.

The citizens of Leamington are very lucky, as our Haliburton community is poorer for the Bretzlaff's move. But there is strong legacy to build on, certainly, and a lesson in openness and trust that will influence many of us for years to come.

As to the boys? Well, Leamington's a long way away – but there is that screen in all our homes that offers unparalleled "connectivity" as its called. These two won't need any lessons in how to keep up, that's for certain. ■

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Dear Editor:

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Decisions – Decisions

Having attended the July 7 special meeting of council, it was interesting to note the basis upon which decisions are being made.

I heard: “we made an agreement (with the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders) and a promise is a promise” and: “in the interest of fairness, we let the ATVs use the trail, therefore the motorcycle group should also be allowed”.

To my knowledge the job of an elected representative is not to make agreements with or promises to special interest groups, nor is it her job to “be fair” – “Mary is allowed to come out and play, therefore Johnny should be allowed too”.

The job of an elected body is A.) to inform itself about the issue at hand, pro and con; B.) to consider the implications and alternatives; C.) To examine the fit with the overall vision and goals for their jurisdiction, i.e. the Master Plan; and D.) to arrive at a well considered decision based on what is for the greater good of its electorate, in this instance, the County of Haliburton as a whole.

It appears to me that some members of county council badly need lessons in how to make decisions in order to carry out the responsibilities with which they are charged.

Ute Wright
Gelert ■

Dear Editor:

“Now this is a lady with vision and in my opinion wrote one of the most compelling recent letters regarding this ongoing saga of the rail trail to date.”

First, I would like to thank both the County Voice and the Echo for publishing my recent letter concerning the out of control and dangerous use/sale of fireworks all over rural Ontario. I would also like to thank those who responded by taking action on this serious issue.

It feels to me like there is something of a renaissance taking place in Haliburton. I don't think the timing could be better for this to be taking place with our upcoming elections. Speaking of the upcoming elections it will be very nice to say so long it has not been so good to know ya to politicians like it's my way or the airport runway Reeve Eleanor Harrison for example.

I would also like to sincerely compliment Melanie Sedgwick for taking a stance with her local politicians on what she believes is and is not environmentally sustainable and economically viable for the long term use of the rail trail located directly in her back yard. Now this is a lady with vision and in my opinion wrote one of the most compelling recent letters regarding this ongoing saga of the rail trail to date.

Glenn Burkett

Dysart et al

Dear Editor:

“Why not a more descriptive term – ‘Rail Trail Nature Park?’”

The name ‘Rail Trail’ for the former railroad property from Howland to Haliburton Village has been in use for 35 years. It is no longer accurate.

Why not a more descriptive term, as ‘Rail Trail Nature Park?’

As all of us know the corridor includes a wide variety of land and water formations: granite outcrops, arable land, swamps and creeks – you name it.

Nature thrives in such diversity. The side numbers of birds and butterflies (some on the rare or endangered list) and plants and animals as well are well worth our respect, interest, and study.

‘Rail Trail’ indicates the history and past use of this land. ‘Nature Park’ raises exciting possibilities for naturalists from far and near, and all the rest of us.

Sincerely
Marion Sedgwick
Gelert ■

Dear Editor:

Beaver Dam Breaks, Mountain Lake inundated with Pond Water

Here are the facts as we recorded them last Sunday:

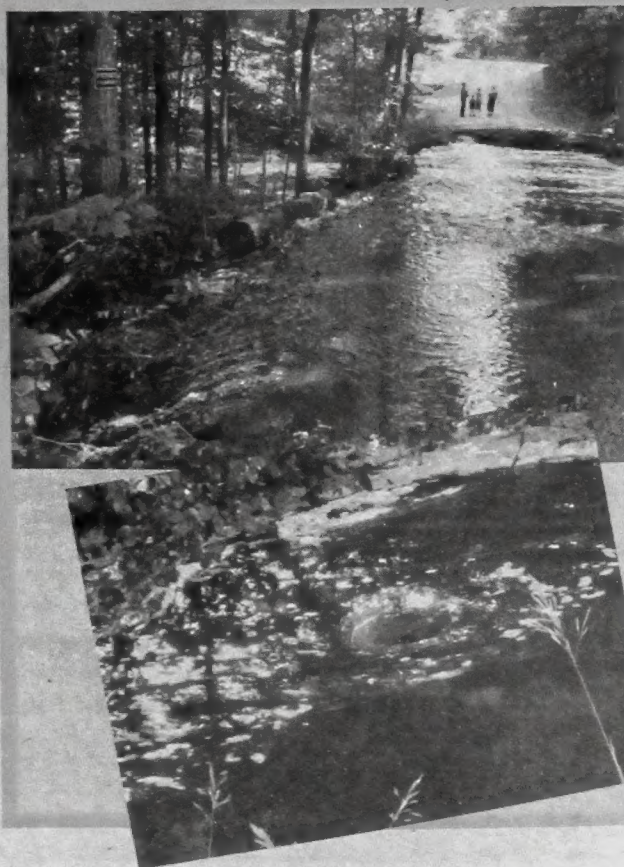
Sunday, July 25, around 2 pm. at least one large beaver pond let loose and barged Brunswick Dr. at Hwy 35. The road was washed out completely, and trees in the area show that the wall of water rushing through was at least 8 feet higher than the level of the normal trickle of water.

1. Minden Hills road crew shortly on the scene, having been called by the OPP, who had received a call from a resident on Brunswick Dr. at 4:07 pm.
2. Brunswick Dr. was barriered by pilons at both the entrance from Hwy 35, and on Brunswick Dr., just down from the Ransley Rd. junction.
3. There is a culvert under Hwy 35, across from the Mountain Lake Stoneworks quarry that leads into Mountain Lake, which normally is just a small, trickle stream.
4. George and Kathie Porter were out boating on Mountain Lake, and happened into the bay around 4:30 pm, where this stream enters the lake. They were astonished to find that the bay was churning with waves, was a muddy colour, and that all sorts of trees and other debris were torrentially pouring from the stream's opening, and totally swamping the 100' dock of one of the cottagers in the bay, submerging at least 12'. The smell of rotting vegetation finally made George realize that this was not a case of someone throwing a lot of composting into the lake--a beaver dam must have broken.
5. Porters', who live on Bramble Lane across from Ransley Rd, and only 4 properties, about 200 yards, from the stream's outlet into the lake, boated home. George and his friend, Peter McPhie, then got into the boat again, saw the destruction once more from the lake, and returned to drive over to the quarry. There they met with the owner of Mountain Lake Stoneworks, who told them which quarry road to climb from whence to view the beaver pond. McPhie took pictures of that area and reported that at least 8 feet of water had let go, evidenced by the normal line of water on the trees, and what was left in the now-draining basin.
6. Meanwhile, Kathie Porter had walked from her home the short distance to Brunswick Dr., to see the destruction from the land side of the event. There, she spoke to the owner of the quarry and to the lone Minden Hills roads' person. At this point, around 5:10 pm, the volume of water had begun to subside over Brunswick Dr. She was surprised when her husband and Peter joined the group present from their hike to the defunct dam. Most concerned was the owner of the property right next to the stream on Brunswick Dr., fearing that his property might be flooded. Porters watched the scene from around 4:45-5:45 pm. By the time

all had left, the volume was lessening, but still running over Brunswick Dr., and torrenting into Mountain Lake. The smell continued through the night and into Monday.

8. Early Monday morning, Brunswick Dr. was repaired.
9. At 9 am., George Porter began to attempt to notify authorities that Mountain Lake was considerably contaminated. A call to the MNR brought the news that they had known of the dam letting, but were not responsible for any notification of the public. A call to the Haliburton Highlands District Health Unit confirmed that no one had let them know of the circumstances, but that they had no mandate to either test the water or issue an advisory. When asked if the water was safe to swim in, the man to whom George spoke stated that he, personally, wouldn't swim in it for a couple of days, and that, if he had children, he would keep them out for about a week. When asked if the Health Unit would issue some form of public notice so that residents on Mountain Lake would be aware that lake water was likely contaminated and the swimming wasn't advisable, the answer was 'No'.
10. When George learned that no one would take responsibility, and that nothing would get done, he personally walked over to neighbour 2 lots further south of him, to tell her of his chat with the Health Unit about children not swimming.
11. Kathie, upon learning how the 'buck just kept getting passed', called the Minden Hills town offices to see if they could advise something. They knew nothing about the dam letting, despite the fact that it was Minden Hills roads' crews that dealt with the situation both Sunday and Monday. She called Reeve, Jim McMahon, being a taxpayer resident in Minden Hills, to advise him of the then-unknown situation to see what he could do from a political view. He had gotten the same answers that Porters did. When asked how he could help get the word out to the media, he stated that it would be better coming from Kathie, being second-hand to the happening.
12. Kathie contacted all county media by phone, and was encouraged to email The County Voice, Canoe.fm, and Moose.fm, to hopefully get either announcements or publicity that residents might read, so as to avoid the potential of the illness, 'beaver fever'.
13. Porters' concern is that others, farther up the lake who may know nothing of the dam burst, or who would be coming for the long weekend, could inadvertently swallow lake water whilst swimming. The potential for 'beaver fever' is quite real, as Reeve McMahon stated to Kathie that his roads' people thought that perhaps two large dams had burst. Those serving in the health sectors of our county would not know of the potential of 'beaver fever' unless "someone" advised them of this situation. However, public health refuses to do so. Kathie has decided to be that "someone".
12. McMahon was trying to get a hold of the Ministry of the Environment, but was unable to do so by closing, Monday.

Kathie Porter
Mountain Lake
Minden



Editor's Note:

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit's Atul Jain, Manager of Environmental Health, told the Voice that they have always urged all lake residents never to drink untreated lake water. He recommends the use of U.V. filters in all systems that take their water from the lakes. “There are many lakes where vegetative e-coli is present, so we expect everyone to treat their water. And as well, to avoid ingesting any lake water while swimming.”

And according to Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, the MNR says that despite the volume of water that descended into Mountain Lake on Sunday, no long-term affects should be felt. “In relation to the size and volume of Mountain Lake, the beaver dam runoff was relatively small, and would have been absorbed in a very short time.”

Donations For Healthy Kids

Food For Kids, Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program will once again need financial support in order to continue to provide over 4000 healthy snacks and/or breakfasts each week during the 2010-11 school year to all students in all schools in Haliburton County.

The Food For Kids Steering Committee has undertaken its first ever summer store fundraising campaign. Chair, Rosie Kadwell is confident the residents and cottagers of Haliburton County will support Food For Kids by making donations when purchasing goods at Haliburton Foodland, Wilberforce Foodland, Eagle Lake Country Market, Emmerson Lumber, Haliburton V&S Department Store, Haliburton Home Hardware, Todd's Independent, Haliburton Lumber, Dollo's Foodland, Easton's ValuMart and Minden Home Hardware.

Gail Stelter, steering committee member and coordinator of the fundraising campaign, reports that the participating store owners have been eager to help. She credits Bob Park of Haliburton Foodland for being the inspiration for the summer store campaign. "Bob conducted a similar campaign in his store prior to Christmas as a fundraiser for the 4Cs Food Bank and his willingness to share this idea with Food For Kids has been greatly appreciated," states Gail.

The summer store campaign runs from Friday, July 16th to Sunday, August 16th and is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Number 1 - Shoppers select a cardboard apple from the campaign board in the amount of \$2, \$5, or \$10

Number 2 - Shoppers give the apple to the cashier who will add this amount to their purchase
Number 3 - The money will then be given to Food For Kids, Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program.

Food for Kids would like to remind everyone that 100% of the money raised will stay in Haliburton County and will be distributed to all schools for the purchase of food. ■



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Flowers for Fawns... from page 1

"Supposedly deer don't eat smelly flowers, but that's not true! Roses are thorny, and they are smelly, yet the deer eat them." The theory that smells and prickles are great defences has been proven to have at least one fault.

When asked what she has done to gain so much knowledge about the diet of deer, she replied, "Sometimes it's just observing nature, and then transferring what is out there into a garden. I'm interested in wildflowers, and sometimes I know what the domesticated version of a wildflower is. I can observe what wildflowers the deer don't eat, and if I know the domesticated version, I can assume the deer won't eat it either."

After testing many ineffective methods of keeping the deer away from her garden, Sheila erected a ten-foot high fence around the most commonly eaten flowers and plants. "The only thing that works to keep the deer away from flowers is a fence or else a dog on-the-loose which barks all the time. Otherwise, the deer are smart, and they know how close they can get to a caged or tethered dog."

The gardens, which Sheila has worked so hard to protect, serve a greater purpose than beauty; Sheila grows her own products for basket-weaving. "I was first interested in weaving and textiles," said Sheila. "Then I started observing baskets in other countries while I was travelling. Baskets are just so handy; I took a course at the Haliburton School of the Arts. Then I became addicted to it."

Growing in her gardens are most of the materials that Sheila uses in her basket-weaving, including Iris Stocks, Willow, Bind Weed, and Kiwi Vine. Sheila also does work with Porcupine quills; she soaks the quills to make them more pliable, and then pushes them through birch bark to create designs which will then be used as lids on her baskets. Sheila now teaches basketry courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts, where, "95 percent of the class are novice basket-makers." So, don't be afraid to sign up for a course such as basket-weaving, as baskets are handy, creative, unique and a great conversation piece.

"There are different sizes, different styles, and different techniques" to basket-weaving, but the materials can be found in your own back yard. "Unfortunately, the deer eat the Willow," said Sheila. But with her trusty fence, the Willow, along with several dozen other species of flowers and plants, are safe. The best fence to keep the deer away is a very high fence which they can't jump over, or a small fence with a small perimeter, as Sheila said the deer won't want to jump into an area that they can see is enclosed.

The best trick of gardening here? "The best thing to do is just to plant flowers that the deer don't like. They love Hostas and Lillies, but they really dislike Lilac and Pine, so plant those instead." Sheila has been gardening in the Highlands for 23 years, and stated simply, "Gardening in Haliburton County is a Challenge. People just don't know what works; it's part of an education."

The preliminary list of flowers and plants which deer don't eat includes: Alliums, Angel's Trumpet (Datura), Bleeding Heart, Butterfly Weed (Asclepias), Cleome, Cosmos, Daffodils (Narcissus), Delphinium, Foxglove (Digitalis), Globeflowers,



Iris, Lavender, Blazing Star (Liatris), Lily of the Valley, Lupins, Marigolds, Monkshood (Aconite), Nicotiana, Rhubarb, Lilacs, Junipers, Pines, and Spruce. Sheila also mentioned that while the deer may "sample a few leaves of the above named plants, they generally don't come back for more." ■

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Little Glamor Lake Cottage Association Holds AGM

LGLCA President Roger Young had no intention of turning his cottage association's meeting into a political forum for candidates, but that didn't stop them from dropping by, armed with election material and lots of handshakes.

Young told his members, "This is a municipal election year folks, so we have some guests."

Young said that, despite being advised that it would not be a meeting that leant itself to politics, several incumbents and some new candidates seeking election were present. He asked the members' indulgence for introductions only, saying, "There won't be any camp speeches as not all the candidates are present."

He then went on to advise that he was trying to arrange an 'all candidates meeting' at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre on August 28th at 7:00 p.m., a date that had been chosen to provide seasonal people with an opportunity to attend and listen to all of the Highlands East candidates. He commented that Little Glamor Lake is split into both Ward 3 and Ward 4 and then proceeded to introduce Jack Bartholomew as a new candidate for Reeve, Cece Ryall as a new Ward 3 candidate, Donna Graham as Ward 3 incumbent and Joan Barton as the Ward 4 candidate.

Finally Young introduced Reeve Dave Burton who provided an update on some of the ongoing issues that he had been working on. Burton said that high speed internet continued to be a huge issue, adding that he had some good news. As the Warden of County Council, Burton also chairs the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, a governing body made up of 13 counties in Eastern Ontario that is mandated to set priorities and deal with some of the broader issues than those handled by the municipalities and County Councils.

Burton said that the previous day he had the privilege of signing a three way partnership with the federal and provincial governments that would see connectivity across 98 percent of the County within a 26 month period. Each partner has a \$55 million dollar commitment and the service provider (as yet to be announced) has also made an \$85 million dollar commitment. According to Burton, once the EOWC has consulted with First Nations, the project will be officially announced along with the name of the service provider. He also advised that, while earlier projections indicated much higher costs, prices for the service should be approximately \$30 a month.

As Ward Councillor Donna Graham then gave a brief update on local activities, with special mention being made of the renaming of the community centre to the Robert McCausland Community Centre on July 1st. Graham advised that the budget had increased by 2.24 percent this year, part of which facilitated improvements to the municipal centre in Gooderham to accommodate the building department, improvements made to the park and all boat launches improved.

According to Graham the municipality is attempting to promote small and medium sized businesses. She said that the municipality had also been working with Fleming college and U-Links to identify historical sites within the community. Graham urged everyone to attend the upcoming Horseshoe days and reminded them that the next Household Hazardous Waste Day would be held on the afternoon of August 21st.

Graham also advised that some Monmouth residents would soon be able to utilize the transfer station in Gooderham, but that new cards would be issued prior to this taking place. Burton clarified that the process may take a bit longer than many wished as a review of the Certificates of Approval for the landfills may have to be undertaken before the change can be implemented. He said that the municipality would like to take things one step further and look at all the landfills.

Executive member David Brusegard commented that there was already a problem with people who either had bad habits or were renters putting their garbage outside of the gates at the landfill. Graham reminded the members that anyone that rents their cottage out should leave their landfill cards for the renters to use.

Young then offered his thanks, not only to Burton and Graham, but also to Councillor Suzanne Partridge, for their support and response to concerns raised over the last several years about mining in the area. "They took action and supported many of the requests made by Robin Simpson (Fight Unwanted Mining and Exploration) and myself." Young went on to say that he and Simpson, with the support of the municipality and the County had managed to make some headway in their fight against mining in the area. He also offered his thanks to Joan Barton as one of the Executive members of Environment Haliburton for her support of their efforts and for working to protect and preserve the environment which, he said, "is the reason we're all here in the first place."

The membership then reviewed the previous year's minutes and accepted both them and the treasurer's report which showed a reasonably healthy bank balance. Young said that the LGLCA has 112 members which included approximately 20 members who live on Glamor Lake but access their cottages through Little Glamor's road network.

He spoke of the difficulties experienced in previous years when only 75 percent of the cottagers were actively supporting the association with another 25 percent coasting and living on the strength of the paid up members. "We set a policy that all memberships should be paid up for 2006 onward and anyone who was delinquent must make up their outstanding fees. "I'm happy to say that with the exception of a small handful, we have almost full participation, so our treasury is much better and we have more equitable contributions."

Lake Steward Aaron Nicholson then provided his report. Nicholson advised that the association had rejoined the Lake Partners Program, had been taking regular water samples for phosphorus readings as well as water clarity and that information on the phosphorus readings will be available on the website in August.

Nicholson reported that the population of geese on the lake had not increased dramatically and there have consistently been three loons in residence. He also said there had been no reports of break-ins by bears in the area, although Brusegard commented that there had been one at his end of the lake, trying to pilfer out of his bird feeder.

Nicholson also spoke briefly about the increasing occurrence of Giant Hogweed and urged people to educate themselves about this dangerous plant that can make poison ivy look mild.

According to Nicholson the water levels in Little Glamor Lake have been quite high compared to others. Young, however, warned that if the Trent Severn Waterway followed their traditional policy the lake would likely lose anywhere from 2 to 3 feet very quickly. "They manage the lakes on an equal draw down basis and several of the lakes on either side of us are several feet lower and, in fact never reached their high water mark."

Tongue in cheek, Young commented that there had been some talk about 'selective evaporation.' He said, "I'm not quite sure how that happens but we've been fortunate. If their draw down policy prevails we may have to catch up to others, so don't be surprised if there is quick disappearance of water."

He recommended that people check the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow's website which has a link to the Trent-Severn/Parks Canada website that provides water levels on various lakes. "When you see a projection in the fall that levels are about to drop, be forewarned; if you leave your boat in the water when you're away, it may not be floating when you return."

Member Mary Auld spoke passionately about the fact that there have been no loon chicks on the lake for some years. Auld attributed the problem to fluctuating water levels that could have washed out the nests. She said that she had researched loon nesting rafts and introduced a motion that the association invest \$200 to make one or two rafts. "All it takes is several pieces of cedar, some wire mesh and vegetation, as well as convincing a couple of men to build and attach them in appropriate locations."

Young agreed that quite possibly the increasing number of high speed launches, some causing an active wake, have caused some of the loon nests to be destroyed. Brusegard confirmed that the loon nesting rafts had been used successfully on Drag Lake. It was agreed that the association would look into establishing one or two rafts and Brian Doherty volunteered his time to build them.

The Little Glamor Lake is part of a broader area where mining activity has been considerable in years gone by, as evidenced by comments made earlier by Young about local efforts to stop unwanted open pit and uranium mining exploration and activity. With uranium comes radon gas, which became the next subject for discussion.

Information was brought forward by Heather Gouldie to remind the members of the importance of testing for radon gas in their homes, given the extreme levels found in some homes. Members, particularly those with children, were urged to either check for test kits at Home Hardware or to contact Christine Atrill in Gooderham, who has more comprehensive testing equipment.

At the conclusion of regular business, nominations for the Board of Directors were opened and David Brusegard, Dot Mathison and Margaret Doherty were all acclaimed to office for a third two-year term.

Having reached the end of the agenda, Young inquired if there were any concerns. Brusegard commented on the ever increasing 'barking dog index' on the lake and said that he would appreciate any and all efforts to reduce that index. Another member voiced concern about fireworks late at night, commenting that it disturbed the dogs quite a bit.

This led to a discussion about boats and ATV's and unsafe practices causing near collisions. Young said, "We are a small lake and there are 15 or 20 people with good sized launches, a few of which tear around the lake. There are a lot of kids on skis, tubes and wakeboards and sometimes those that don't come to our meetings need to get the message. Please encourage everyone to be careful. We don't need a lifetime of sad memories about an incident in the water."

ATV's continue to be quite a concern in the area with some riders running at excessive speeds. Young referred to past problems that had been encountered with one particular group terrorizing the neighbourhood. From some of the comments heard, it appeared that Young has done as much as he possibly can to confront the offenders in efforts to reduce the problems and many of the members voiced their appreciation of those efforts.

With a sunny afternoon before them and warm breezes to enjoy, the meeting adjourned. ■

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Dysart Municipal Election: Ward 1

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Andrea Roberts for Ward 1



Andrea Roberts has gone through some tough times in her life, and she says that they can humble a person and have given her a better understanding of the challenges facing many of the people living in Haliburton.

Roberts says that although she is blessed with a comfortable life and a beautiful family and home, she hasn't forgotten the struggles that she faced, growing up in Toronto as a young married woman or later as a single mother.

"I think I'm a very positive person and I don't live in regret of anything that happened in my past. In fact, it makes me appreciate what I have even more."

Roberts moved to Haliburton 23 years ago and was employed

as the Manager of McKeck's. Two years later she found herself in the position of being a single mother, living in a town with a good job, but unsure if this was where she wanted to settle. But having wonderful friends and a great job tipped the scales and she stayed. She met her husband Steve Roberts several years later and now has a blended family of three girls and one lovely 3 1/2 year old grandson.

Roberts and her husband own Roberts-Austin Fuels, a business that has been in place since 1986. Roberts herself has worked there since 1994 and she and her husband became the sole owners in 1996.

Even when she was young, Roberts says she has had a strong sense of wanting to be involved and part of things.

Shortly after becoming involved in the Ontario Early Years Centre she quickly ended up on the board. Later, Roberts was also on the board of Community Living and served as the president for two years. "So it was a natural progression for me. When my kids were at school I was on the Parents Council and I'm also involved in the St. George's Anglican Church."

When it came to taking the step up to Council, Roberts said it was all part of a feeling of wanting to give back and serve the community in some capacity. "I was working part time, but still looking for a challenge. I love our business, but I wanted more and the fact that I am self employed and am lucky enough to have great staff has allowed me to attend meetings during the day and still operate my business."

Roberts dispelled the idea that some people have that being on Council is just two meetings a month. "You need to be available so much more."

Roberts serves on a number of committees including Head Lake Trail, Glebe Park and the Public Committee. She was on the Museum Committee for several years and works with both the BIA and the Frost Festival. She was also very active with the library both on the building committee and the fund raising committee.

"One thing that I learned being on Council was the need to be respectful; to listen but be assertive at the same time. I try very hard to be careful with my words and think before speaking. I'm a very committed person, but I also take the time to make sure I can commit for the long haul. A four year term is a big commitment and I'm proud to say I've never missed a Council meeting and have worked my life around my Council responsibilities."

Roberts says that there are always ongoing issues to deal with. "It's exciting to see new developments take place and I'm very proud of our new library, but there are the daily challenges of municipal government like the landfills, roads and planning issues. We have to be careful that we don't have too many projects or we would end up with a tax increase that the public couldn't support."

Acknowledging that Haliburton is poised for more growth and development as more people retire in the area or make their cottages more like home, Roberts said that there shouldn't be growth and development without making sure that the Council honours the community's charm and unique qualities. "That's Council's balancing act. We need to be proud of and honour what we have. The more the community grows, the more we will all need to be close to nature. There is a spirit of joy and excitement here, particularly in the summer with things like Art in the Park, Dusk Dances, the theatre and plays which are all wonderful experiences."

Roberts has no burning issues on her plate, with the possible exception of the Watercolours Development. "I'm definitely in support of development on that site, but it must be done properly. Projects like our Streetscape are a big commitment as well and we can't do too much at once."

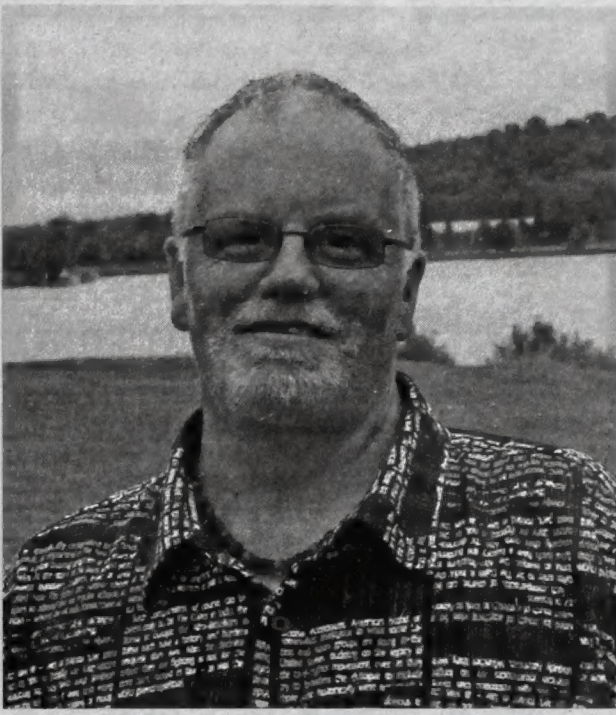
As an aside, Roberts says that it isn't fair to say that the community doesn't have recreational facilities. "We do have. We already run the arena at a cost of just over \$200,000 to the taxpayers and we're working on a number of things for the youth, like the skateboard park."

"One thing I have learned while on Council. We have an amazing staff. Not only do they keep us on track, but they are so very accessible and supportive. Their efforts make our efforts so much more successful and we're lucky to have them all."

As a final note, Roberts said, "I truly hope to see people get involved, vote and take advantage of the mail-in option."

"This is your opportunity to get involved."

Jim Henwood – Ward 1



Jim Henwood has had connections to Haliburton and area for over 50 years. As a cottager his family came to Haliburton Lake for at least 45 years and though he didn't buy his business until 1994, he and his wife Cathy and family have made Haliburton their home.

Henwood has three children. His son Scott will be off to university next year and his identical twin daughters are going into Grade 12 this fall.

Henwood said that he was raised in Hamilton, but once he purchased the business and established Henwood's Variety, he and his family moved to Haliburton permanently in early 1995. He has owned and operated the store in its existing location since then and says that he has established deep connections to

the community.

"My business has given me a huge advantage as it is the perfect opportunity to see a broad spectrum of the population, not only from Ward 1, but the entire municipality; people from Kennisis, Harcourt, West Guilford and Donald. I see the pulse of the community come in my doors whether they are low income or high end. Everyone has their unique needs and requirements and I get a very good idea of what's going on out there."

While Henwood has no Council experience it isn't from a lack of desire. He has run for Council twice before, the last time for Deputy Reeve. "In hindsight that might have been a mistake," he said. "I should have run as a Ward Councillor, but I thought we needed change and that I could do it, but there were four of us running and it didn't happen."

Now, he says, "It's better to take small steps and find out what it's all about. I might love it or find out that it's not for me, but if I'm successful and serve a term, I might find that I'll want to pursue it further."

When asked why he had decided to run again, Henwood said, "To be honest, all of the things that I spoke about when running for Deputy Reeve are still there. Little has been addressed or changed. Housing was brought up as an issue before and it is still an issue, particularly for low income earners, but also for people who don't want to move away but don't want to look after the house they have. There's no place for them to go. A project like Watercolours is definitely needed as is affordable housing for young families who are having a tough go of it."

"That leads me to another issue; job creation. We're in a depressed area and there are a limited number of jobs available."

Henwood, who currently chairs the Parent/Teacher Council at the high school, says that enrolment is declining between 30 and 40 kids a year. "The five year projection indicates that we will be down 200 kids. Families aren't staying because there are no jobs, unless you're a professional or own your own business, which can also be tough go. There simply aren't enough well paying jobs."

Henwood said, "Ideally the most suitable type of jobs for Haliburton would be clean industry. Manufacturing is pretty well gone, but businesses like Patient News with decent paying, year round full time jobs are what we need."

He suggested attracting a call centre. "We have the phone lines and internet; a place like that could go into the Industrial Park area and employ people 24/7."

Transparency could also become an issue in Henwood's books. "I look at the website after every meeting and see there are hour long closed sessions every meeting."

Henwood also questions why meetings aren't held in the evening. "We need to provide more opportunity for community involvement. If Council met in the evening, more people would be interested in running. At present, the schedule restricts the type of person that can run. Now only those who can afford to or work in an environment that is flexible can run. A construction worker or teacher couldn't consider running until they retire and that's not necessarily a good thing."

Recreation is also a huge issue for Henwood. He voiced concern about the amount of money being spent on the arena when its use is primarily restricted to the winter months. He also commented that, while there is a cost factor, he would be in favour of a year round pool. "My pie in the sky project would be to build a twin pad arena, soccer field, three or four baseball diamonds and a recreation centre on the hydro flats, which possibly should become a County initiative."

"We could build a pool tomorrow but the problem would be the maintenance and cost of lifeguards. If everything was all in one complex and the arena area was turned into affordable housing, the residents could walk almost everywhere and wouldn't need cars. If we had a complex there could be slow pitch tournaments all summer long and that in itself would attract tourists. They are huge in the south, generating unbelievable tourism dollars. The arena is underutilized. It needs to be full all the time in the winter. Hockey tournaments would bring people into the area to shop, stay in the resorts and go to the restaurants."

Henwood stressed the importance of having strong businesses and a thriving downtown core as the hub of the community. He also suggested that several things that have been implemented may not have had sufficient input; one being the sign by-law which he says is too restrictive. Another sore spot are the parking fines. "The problem isn't the meters, it's the enforcement. I realize that the system has to be cost effective, but it's being abused. If you have by-laws in place they have to be enforced."

If elected Henwood said that he would be honoured to serve his Ward 1 residents. "Having said that, I would like to stress the fact that the Council is a seven person unit at the table making decisions for everyone in the community. We have to work together and can achieve a lot for everyone in Dysart et al and I look forward to that challenge."

Election ...cont'd Wards 2 and 3

Dennis Casey – Ward 2



Dennis Casey is the personification of a local homegrown guy and he believes that this will stand him in good stead in the upcoming election. While Casey is sitting pretty at the moment as the sole candidate for Ward 3 councillor, he isn't taking anything for granted and has been going door to door for some time talking to people who live in the Ward and making his intentions known.

Casey was born and raised on Lake Kashagawigamog and has been in Haliburton all his life. He went through all phases of school here which culminated in becoming a Business Administration graduate

at Sir Sanford Fleming College. Even his work experience, which was geared over time both to tourism and construction, has remained focused on Haliburton and area.

"Family historians tell me that both of my great grandfathers were on Council and my great grandfather was the one of the longest standing members on Council. So I have great roots and feel that is an advantage."

If elected, this will not be Casey's first experience sitting at the council table. In the late 1990's he served for a term as Ward Councillor and he says that has given him a well rounded understanding of what is required of him. With some additional time on his hands, his decision to run again shows his continuing commitment to community. This has been reflected in his volunteer service in a variety ways, most significantly over the past year or so during the County's bid for the 2010 Summer Games and the more recent successful pitch for the 2011 Senior Games – Winterfest.

Casey recently told the members of the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association that he knew every nook and cranny in the Ward which definitely comes in handy when constituents have concerns about their lakes, their landfills, area roads and properties.

When asked about his platform or issues that he would like to bring forward, Casey chuckled. He recognizes that many candidates new to the municipal political arena have a lot of lofty ideas and enthusiasm and he applauds that. "There's nothing wrong with new ideas."

Speaking about landfills, while Casey said that he doesn't really have any specific issues to bring to Council, but he is very concerned about the rapidly growing hill at the landfill and the importance of finding a solution to that problem.

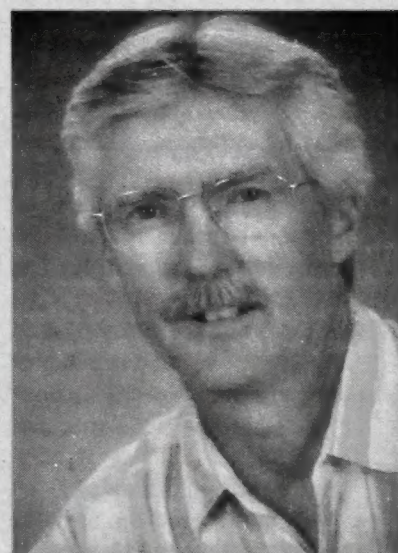
But he also said that sometimes those ideas are not always realistic, something that candidates find when they get down to the work of Council. "Issues arise as a matter of course and have to be dealt with by the Council as a whole. Each councillor is responsible for taking care of concerns that come out of their Ward and I would hope that I will have the support of other councillors in resolving them, just as I will support their efforts if I can, but we have to think of the broader picture as well."

Casey says that he doesn't like to differentiate between residents by calling anyone seasonal, or a cottager or a full time resident. "All of our taxpayers have concerns, whether it is about a shoreline allowance on a lakefront property, or water quality, the conditions of the roads or development."

Casey says that he has his dedication and sincerity to offer the municipality and its residents and that that he will be delighted and honoured to be their representative, working on everyone's behalf on any issue that arises.

He also urges everyone to get out to any and all of the candidates forums that are scheduled and to follow the election information carried in the local papers. Last but not least, he urges everyone to get out and vote.

Steve Pogue – Ward 3



Steve Pogue and his family have been cottaging in the area since 1975 and have been in residence since 2003.

While Pogue hailed from Brampton originally, he moved here from Ottawa after spending 14 years in the information technology sector as an IT manager. "In 2001 the high tech bubble burst in Ottawa. Software companies were closing down and we were faced with the decision to move to Toronto or move to the cottage and make a living from my hobby which was electrical work and construction."

The family decided to move to the cottage and he started HP Electric & Construction. But there's a change in the wind for him and this week Pogue is moving into residential real estate in Haliburton County with Remax Haliburton.

Pogue says that his Harcourt Park experience prepared him well to be a Council member. "Being on the board of directors for 18 years, holding the positions of secretary, treasurer and president was a bit like running our own

little municipality. We manage many of the same aspects that the municipality does. We even used to have our own landfill and community centre. I gained a lot of experience there that lends itself to my Council position and I'm still the president of Harcourt Park Inc."

When asked what made him take the step up from Harcourt Park to Council, Pogue said, "I was already serving the members of Harcourt Park in a community role and when we moved here full time I decided to extend my community leadership to the municipality as a whole."

Pogue has been on council for two terms or seven years.

"It was a natural transition for me. I've always had it in the back of my mind that I would like to take a leadership role in the municipality, but I realized that I needed to live here to do that. The first year here was an election year and I put my name in."

Acknowledging that being on Council is a team effort, Pogue said that he felt he had achieved several things. "I was a member of the Medical Centre Committee when we built the medical centre. I have also been on the Public Committee and chaired it. I've been getting involved in and gaining a lot of experience and interest in planning issues, particularly the Official Plan Amendments and reviewing the last zoning by-law. I'm interested in serving on that committee again to ensure that the OP amendment is enacted with a new zoning by-law because I have a lot of expertise to help that along."

To Pogue, the OP amendments and new zoning by-law will do a lot to protect the shorelines. He would also like to follow through with a tree cutting by-law. "We need to look into better site development agreements. There has to be a better way to develop lakefront properties. We need to get people away from the notion of buying a lot, clear cutting it and then building and maintain the look and feel of Haliburton County, not just in Harcourt Park, but throughout the municipality."

During my term in the Harcourt area I think that I have put us on the map when it comes to road maintenance activities. The Kennaway Road is a key link for the people in Harcourt Park to get to Haliburton and it has been upgraded and is better maintained. It brings more people into town, saves 18 kilometres and I believe it has helped the Harcourt Park members and brings them to town more often. There's more participation in community activities."

If re-elected Pogue says he also wants to ensure fiscal responsibility and Dysart continuing to maintain the lowest tax rate in the area. When it comes to the sustainability, he thinks that the municipality should have an Economic Development Committee to reintroduce the idea of a commercial park on Dysart lands and to ensure there is serviced land available for business that do want to invest in the municipality.

Referring to a strategic planning session that the Council held four years ago, Pogue said that one idea that made it into the top ten but had received no follow through was the idea of developing or attracting clean industry. "We need more places like Patient News. We have property north of the Industrial Park which should be set up as a type of Commercial Park for clean industry."

While recognizing the substantial cost, Pogue still thinks that the municipality needs to upgrade its recreational facilities. "We have to follow up on and take opportunity of any and all grants available. Grant opportunities are few and far between so we have to have something ready when they are available and go for it."

Pogue is concerned about landfills and space for them and questions whether it would be more cost effective for the upper tier to run them and to consider some sort of septage facility as well.

"Continuing road resurfacing is also of concern to me. I don't think we cover enough ground to adequately maintain our roads and the program should be stepped up. It may increase taxes, but we need to right size our taxes and see some modest increases. We're suffering because we continue to hold the fort and our roads are deteriorating beyond our control."

Other priority projects for Pogue include broadband and communications. Realizing that it isn't specifically a Dysart Council objective Pogue maintains his contacts with Bell in efforts to try to improve communications across the County. "We need to continue to put people on the map and the only way to do that is with wireless. Broadband comes over the Bell Mobility towers now and the only way we'll get it is to continue to work with contacts to improve overall telecommunications."

Pogue says that it will be much easier and more cost effective to increase the Bell Mobility towers thereby increasing cell and high speed service at the same time.

Finally, Pogue said, "If elected I look forward to continuing serving the constituents of Harcourt Township as well as participating in the leadership of the municipality as a whole."



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Election ...cont'd Wards 3 and 4

Tammy Donaldson – Ward 3



Tammy Donaldson moved to Haliburton County from Brooklyn, Ontario in 1966. She graduated from Haliburton High as class valedictorian and hasn't looked back for a moment since that time.

Donaldson says that her parents are self employed and both she and her husband are as well. Her husband was born in the Haliburton hospital as was her daughter. The couple has two sons as well: all three of their children have graduated from Haliburton High School and her oldest son graduated from Wilfred Laurier last June and is currently with the RCMP in Saskatchewan.

"Our oldest daughter is in her second year of college at Sir Sanford in Peterborough in the Travel and Tourism program and our youngest graduated last year and is employed locally."

Donaldson has been a member of the Algonquin Gateway Business Association since 2000 and became president this year. She is also an associate member of the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair and has been for the past 20 plus years. She operates a tourism business at the south end of Algonquin Park, providing horseback riding to the general public through the south end of the park and offering overnight camping and pony rides.

Donaldson is truly committed to the idea of being on Council and has run unsuccessfully as the Ward 3 councillor in the past.

When asked what made her decide to run again now, Donaldson said, "The Town of Harcourt/Ward 3 needs better representation as a whole."

Donaldson is right on the same page as her competition this year in her desire to see everyone in the area get high speed internet service. She's disappointed that there's no cell phone service in the area at the moment and even more so in what seems to be the area provider's empty promises that it will be available soon.

"We've heard that it will be available next year for the last six years even though right now it runs right past our doorway. We can't hook up to it and the switching station is actually on our property. Unfortunately we've been advised that it is too old to provide what is needed for high speed and to replace the lines will cost over \$250,000. Bell seems to think it isn't worth the expense right now, but they're running fibre right past us. There is even a connection for it to be hooked up that runs into Harcourt Park."

Donaldson said that she doesn't have any council experience and was therefore a bit reluctant to say too much without the knowledge. But she isn't shy of commitment and hard work and is more than willing to do everything in her power to assist Harcourt residents.

"My main concern is that we have been missing out on possibilities and we haven't even been advised of it. I recognize that one of our greatest challenges is that we're quite removed from the rest of the municipality, so I want to keep abreast of any opportunities available for the community and take the best advantage of them."

Donaldson says that she rides in Algonquin Park every day. "There aren't a lot of voting residents in places like Bruton, Clyde and Eyre and in fact, all of Ward 3. Those three townships alone are each made up of 40,000 acres but there are only a handful of voters in each of them that have an interest."

Donaldson says that she's been talking to cottagers throughout Harcourt Township and, because of their geographic location, many of them are confused between Highlands East and Dysart because of their geographic locations. "I'd like to generate a better understanding of the area, of the services available and where they come from."

She has had her ear to the ground and has been asking for feedback from everyone in the area to see if residents have any specific issues or ongoing concerns, but she says, "They're a fairly quiet bunch."

Acknowledging that, if elected, it will be a 'learn as I go process,' Donaldson says she is committed to keeping in contact with all of her constituents to ensure that they aren't encountering any problems. She also said that she has a lot of clients from Harcourt Park and many of them have issues that need a bit more attention.

Susan Norcross – Ward 4



Susan Norcross has reached a point in her life where she has the luxury of making choices, and she has decided that local politics might just be the answer. Norcross says "I have the time, the commitment and I think I have skills to offer to what can be a very demanding role."

Norcross is the ultimate 'coal miner's daughter.' The daughter of a miner, she hails from Sudbury but spent all of her married life in the Mississauga/Oakville area. She raised three daughters and saw them all successfully through university and is very proud of their achievements.

Norcross has a strong business background and worked

for years in both Mississauga and Stratford in human resources. At one point she was part of a management team overseeing 60 salaried employees and before deciding to slow the pace down a bit and move to the country she was promoted to the position of Human Resource Manager at a plant in Stratford.

Her ties to West Guilford go back for over 30 years; the area has been a summer retreat for her since she was a girl of sixteen. When she realized she had full intentions of settling in West Guilford permanently, Norcross purchased the family cottage and in 1997 local contractors built her a new home on the cottage site, where she and her partner David Johnson live. (Johnson, who is a local appraiser, was born and raised on Boshkong Lake Road.)

"This newest residence has been home to me year round for over six years and I have enjoyed the transition while becoming a full-time member of the community."

During the past six years Norcross has worked and volunteered in Haliburton and West Guilford; on the Board of Directors of the West Guilford Community Centre, the Rail's End Gallery, the Haliburton B.I.A., Canoe FM and the Summer Festival Theatre. "These experiences have shown me how diversified we are in Haliburton and how no one group defines us," she said.

When asked why she had decided to run for Council, Norcross said, "When I realized that our current Ward Councillor wasn't running for the position again and there was a need for someone with a business background to fill the role I thought I'd give it a shot. My role in human resources has been acting as an advocate for people and I believe that will bring some considerable wealth of knowledge to the table."

"There are several important issues to be addressed by the Municipality in the upcoming years; many of which have already been stated, all of them worthy. I believe we need to encourage more small and mid size businesses to come to Haliburton while supporting our existing base of entrepreneurs. We need a more diverse group of downtown businesses and we need more light industry to bring employment into the area. Patient News is a prime example of a success story in Haliburton and more of that is greatly needed."

"We need to continue to address concerns regarding our roads and our lack of housing concerns me deeply. People from the lakes and outlying areas have no place to go; we need to address the lack of housing for both seniors and those less fortunate than others."

Norcross said that she has thought of running before, but up until now she has been working. "I understand that this is a demanding role and that there are a lot of time requirements, but I have the time to offer now."

Mentioning the library as one of their major achievements, Norcross said, "There has been a lot of good work done by the Dysart Council as a whole and they have some real momentum going. I believe that I can be an asset to the Council in serving our community. If this opportunity falls into place, I'm looking forward to being part of a continuing momentum."

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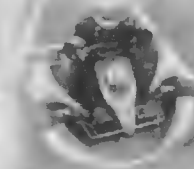
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Election ...cont'd Wards 4 and 5

Val Craftchick – Ward 4



If you asked Val Craftchick about her background, she will tell you that her ancestors are some of the earliest settlers in the area who have worked hard to develop Haliburton. She has called herself part of 'a fourth generation of redneck Haliburtonians' and there is no doubt that her roots grow long and deep in the area.

Craftchick has worked in a variety of jobs, many of which have been managerial in nature. In the early 1990's she went into nursing which was her first step on a path towards becoming a holistic health practitioner. "I work with the whole person, body, mind and spirit, in assisting them in their journey to wellness."

While she has no personal political experience, Craftchick says that her great grandfather, Benjamin Sawyer, was in politics in Stanhope 'back in the day.' Her uncle, Jim Harrison, is well known

throughout the County and has a long history in local politics. Craftchick says, "I think that the pioneer spirit runs in our family."

"Being on council is like any job. You have to get into the position and learn while you go. The people there before me have a whole library of experience, knowledge and wisdom that I hope to tap into."

Craftchick says that she has thought of running for council for many years. "There are things that I would like to see changed," she said, adding that it was all a matter of timing. "I knew over the last four years that when the time for the next election came I would run. The whole of the county is my home and I'm very passionate about it. It is my backyard and you have to weed your garden and cultivate good ideas."

According to Craftchick, it's a matter of taking responsibility rather than just talking about concerns in the area. She says that she has decided to be the voice that carries messages for her community to the local council and on to County Council levels.

When asked what she would like to see changed, Craftchick said there were three key issues that needed a stronger emphasis. "The first is industry. I really believe we need more industry. This is an area where the majority of the work is seasonal. So many families are struggling and even suffering from the lack of year round work. If even one business is attracted that employs 10 people that helps our community. If they build a new building, there is work for our trades' people; it brings money into their homes for their families. And we need the sort of industry that will help to support local families."

To Craftchick, attracting viable industry will further Haliburton's ability to be a great place for people to raise their children and allow them to enjoy a beautiful area at the same time. "There is nothing for our young people to do. We're surrounded by lakes but some kids have never had an opportunity to even go fishing."

Craftchick says that she has been investigating the possibility of a recreation centre. "This is still a work in progress, but I would love to see a recreation centre in our area. Even our adults have very little to do. I think more recreation opportunities would help our youth get active. They have brilliant minds and they are our future."

"Another key need is developing our tourism industry. We have so much to offer and so many activities to attract tourists year round and with the tourists, revenue to support the community will follow," said Craftchick.

"We need to determine what types of industry will work in Haliburton. At this point, common sense says we don't need to develop more arts. Artists will always come to this paradise. I understand

that we need beauty and the arts, but to what extent? We need to develop something that will create work for our young people."

To Craftchick, the things that aren't needed can be found on the main street right now. "We don't need more restaurants. We need to develop our industrial park."

Craftchick is concerned about money being spent on things like the village's streetscape project that come at a huge cost to the community. "That money could have gone to much better resources."

Martin Lacey – Ward 5



Martin Lacey hails from the Toronto, Port Hope and Cobourg areas, but has owned property in Dysart et al for 23 years. Although he still maintains property in the south at the present time, they have been put on the market and, as he works here more often than not, he plans to concentrate all of his efforts in Haliburton.

Lacey purchased Bob Bishop's old home in Eagle Lake and that's where his children grew up. One of the things he's concentrating on right now is seeing a lot of granite work completed on the home.

Lacey is in the wine, beverage and alcohol business and has been an elected director, treasurer and finally president of the industry's association for 28 years. "Currently I am a director and treasurer of an owners association and roads association for Development 514 by Eagle Lake. I am also an elected director in a condo corporation in the south and was the president and treasurer of a BIA in the GTA with as many as 180 businesses for a 12 year period which really took me into the heart of downtown concerns."

"I have a deep love of Haliburton and have thrown my name into Ward 5 as that is where our place is, but our land covers three townships including Harburn, Guilford, which is the biggest of the wards and the most spread out, and Eyre."

Two of the associations that Lacey is involved with are in Ward 5, including Glen Lake and Development 514 where there are approximately 44 owners. "We're dealing with a number of issues that are of concern to the association; rezoning, road allowances, public access to lakes, shoreline clearings and development as well as open blocks of land."

"The transfers of title and easement rights get complicated and there are taxes involved. What people can do with open spaces or blocks of land are also of concern and we have been making presentations as a group to Council as well as meeting with their planner, Pat Martin. In fact, how their planning operation works is part of my reason for throwing my name into the hat."

Lacey said, "I have had dealings with municipal politics which I consider to be the grass roots of all politics. Our dealings with Dysart et al have been quite impressive. They have an open and good government. Reeve Murray Fearrey runs a good show; one of the first I've encountered."

"I'm taking this step as there doesn't appear to be enough interest in municipal politics. The number of people voting is really very low even though all of the provincial and federal level agendas and platforms come from grass roots politics. I decided to toss my hat into the ring as soon as nominations opened because they need more people running including serious business people."

Lacey says that he has been listening to people and, after doing some research, asking a lot of questions. "I have looked at other people's agendas and have established a list of priorities to bring forward if I'm elected."

"I've no plan to be a yes man. In fact, the last time I was elected as a director I was actually considered to be a bit of a bulldog, because I won't let things go. I like to see balanced budgets and even surpluses on the work that we have done."

As to priorities, Lacey believes that Ward 5 is in good condition. "But I do see a lot of issues in Ward 1. I've been listening to a lot of people and in particular a number of younger family members who believe there should be more emphasis on youth. They are our future and we have to invest in them. If we address the youth and keep them here the area will grow and continue to develop."

Lacey says that he keeps hearing concerns about creating a proper community centre that includes things like an indoor pool, a large telescope and tennis courts. Having a facility like that he says would address the concerns of both the younger generation and senior residents.

"We need more than just rooms above the hockey rink. There has to be a multi-service centre with gym rooms, exercise and pool classes with a club within it that would make it self-supporting."

Lacey says that funding could have been routed into investigating a proper multi-functional facility that has profit centres, rather than how the money is being spent now.

Another project Lacey would like to work on would be a proper band shell; something that could even be used in the early winter for things like candle carrying, bringing in bands to perform and having regular concerts.

"I've been listening to people and am hearing that there is a need for new business, employment opportunities and even though there is no ready solution in front of us right now, particularly given the economic circumstances, I know that we're sitting on granite and wood. We need businesses that can source their supplies from the Haliburton region, whether it is wood products or what comes out of the ground."

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Election ...cont'd Ward 5

Walt McKechnie – Ward 5



Walt McKechnie has become a local icon in the County. He played for nine teams in the National Hockey League and four minor professional teams over a 17-year pro career. Although he was born and raised in London, Ontario, McKechnie was brought to Haliburton in 1970 by Wren Blair to work at the Haliburton Hockey Haven. He had been playing for the North Stars but found working at the school a great way to spend his summers; living on the lake and teaching kids about hockey.

He continued on that path for about eight years. Finally, in 1970 he bought his property on Eagle Lake and in 1981 he built his home. "I retired from hockey and they told me not to come to the rink any more. It was a sad

town, everyone is concerned about taxes. Somehow we have to keep the taxes affordable and allow people to keep their places. Taxes are something that will gradually increase, but my concern is like everyone else's. We don't have to be like the Muskokas where you have to sell your place because you can't pay the taxes.

"Water levels and water quality are also very important. We have wonderful lakes here and we have to keep them that way," he said.

"We also have to do everything we can to keep our young families here; be a bit more proactive in creating activities for families. I'm not saying Council hasn't done a great job, but these are things I'd like to look into; things like better baseball diamonds and soccer fields even though I realize they all cost money."

McKechnie is also concerned about seniors in the area. "We have so many people who have made the lakes their home. We have a tremendous hospital here and doctors and maybe the seniors have to be closer to those places. We have to create affordable housing because it would be a real shame for them to have to move away, especially when we have all the necessities right here. All sorts of housing projects have been talked about including Watercolours, and those things are fantastic, but we also have to have affordable housing. I hope to see those kinds of projects get off the ground."

According to McKechnie, the community is well known for snowmobiling. "Between that and ATVing we should try to continue the tradition as a recreational destination. It's an important part of our economy, whether to the resorts, gas stations, restaurants or any of our shops. The more people on the main street, the better."

McKechnie noted that there are a terrific number of extremely talented people in the community. "The arts are something that we need to continue to establish but we have to continue to maintain a balance to draw all interests into the community."

McKechnie stressed the need for compromise on Council and working together. He has been attending meetings over the past year and watching council work with people. "If there's a new business coming to town we have to do everything we can to attract them, whether they're employing five or 50 people. We continue to grow at a slow and steady place and we have time to plan. There have been a lot of gradual but great changes over the years and that process should continue."

McKechnie made a point of mentioning how important the staff is to the municipality. "I'm very impressed with the way that the staff works with and supports the Council. More taxpayers should sit in on a council meeting to see just how professional they are and that they are an important part of Council's overall operations."

While he hopes to win in the election, McKechnie says that he can't assume anything. "I will be a good listener for the people in my ward and a strong voice for them on council. Their concerns are my concerns and I would like to have the opportunity to represent them. It would be a nice challenge to be part of it."

day, but I was going to make Haliburton my home nonetheless.

"I had been going to the Kozy Korner for years and I used to tease Bill Vanderhorst that I would come back and buy the Kozy from him. To make a long story short, one day I walked in and made them an offer. We made a deal that got me started in the restaurant business and that lasted. I sold the Kozy but created and owned McKeck's for 23 years and have been involved in business in the area for close to 25 years."

McKechnie and his wife Suzanne still live in the home on Eagle Lake. Suzanne owns a hair design shop (Suzanne's Hair Design) overlooking Eagle Lake and her twin daughters Tatum and Hunter are avid skiers and snowboarders. "We love living here at the lake with the ski hill in our back yard."

McKechnie says that he was very fortunate to have had a hockey career that lasted so long and to have been in business for as long as he has. "I think that the reason for the longevity is due to my commitment and passion. When I'm doing something I put my heart into it. Our community is pretty special and I'm very passionate about it. I've seen a lot happen over the years. Given my careers I think I have a lot to offer."

"One of the main things I see in politics is to be a team player. When I ran my business I always tried to emphasize that we were a team and I think that Council has to operate in a similar fashion. I think that I can fit in and I have the qualities to be a good team player in that particular arena."

McKechnie looks forward to giving back to a community that has been so good to him. "I would never have survived in business without the terrific support of the local people and I still need their support behind me."

"I think I'm a lot like everyone here. Whether they're on a back lot or lake lot or living in

Martin Lacey – Ward 5

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Again emphasizing that one of the biggest issues is the youth in the area, Lacey said, "This new younger generation, including teenagers and young adults, needs more and better venues, something I've heard over and over again. Put in a big telescope and have a retired gentleman get involved and show them the stars. Haliburton is an ideal place to look at the stars. Give the kids something that will open their eyes."

Lacey also sees the importance of residential developments like Watercolours. "I will be very upset if that doesn't go through simply because of two or three opponents of visual obstruction, particularly from people that aren't permanent residents. We need a development like the Watercolours project to attract both business and people."

Lacey sees the benefit of projects like Habitat for Humanity. "The communities become completely involved and I think that Haliburton could use something like that on a small scale. People need homes and are having a tough time getting a start. Habitat for Humanity could even get involved in a community centre. It would be an opening for youth and students who need the experience and their courses demand it. Suppliers and even the banks could get involved and the bonus would be that it would give the students and young families that are involved such a positive outlook on life."

Rotary Golf Tourney Nets a Cool \$50,000 for Hospital Fund



Honorary Chairman Scotty Morrison

The 13th annual Rotary Charity Golf Classic was held last week at the Pinestone Resort – and 196 avid golfers showed up to play some golf, share some stories, tell some lies, and – bottom line – fork over \$50,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

For the ninth straight year ex-NHL Referee in Chief Scotty Morrison

was honorary Chairman and Guest Speaker. No one won the million dollar shootout – sponsored by Eagle Lake Cottager Ross Robertson of R. Robertson Insurance Brokers Ltd – but that didn't dampen the spirits of the golfers one bit. After two consecutive soaking wet Rotary Classic events, none of the participants, organizers, and volunteers were about to complain about anything.

HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker wanted to pay special thanks to the 30 volunteers, and especially Clara Oyler, for their hard work.

All the proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for both Haliburton County hospitals and health care facilities. □

Eco Trivia

Q:

How can you turn your yard waste, such as leaves, twigs and grass into valuable garden materials?

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Here in Haliburton County, the YWCA offers emergency accommodations for women and their children at HERS, with a flexible length of stay in a private, safe and comfortable place. The YWCA Women's Centre also offers Crisis and Support Counselling to women, Violence Prevention Programs and Outreach and Well-Being Programs at no charge to the Haliburton community.

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Every single nickel and dime generated at the Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton Brokerage's garage sale goes to support our local YWCA Women's Centre and HERS, and our provincial and national programs to help stop the cycle of violence. All the money and effort goes back to this cause because Royal LePage underwrites 100 per cent of the administration costs.

On Saturday, May 15th 2010, the Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton Brokerage Minden office parking lot was transformed into an oasis for bargain hunters as we hosted a "National Garage Sale for Shelter" event in support of the Shelter Foundation and the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace (HERS).

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Question:

"How do you feel about the new restrictions on young drivers? Drivers under 21 must have a blood alcohol level of zero or face an immediate 24-hour suspension with a possible \$500 fine and 30-day suspension."



Bev Zupancic, 15, Ilderton
"I just think it's like anything you do in life, you have to be responsible. I'm not sure that it's quite necessary for these new restrictions. It comes down to letting someone be who they are. We have enough strict rules. We're caging and putting too many restrictions on young drivers and it's getting extreme. I don't think we should be overregulated; as parents we do the best job we can in educating them."



Brittany Leonard, 16, Stouffville
"I think that the regulations are good. There shouldn't be any alcohol in young drivers. They always say to have a designated driver, so the young drivers shouldn't be drinking anyways. I think alcohol and driving should never be involved, so the penalty is good. If they get caught again, and the penalty becomes more severe, then good! They should have learned the first time."



Keith Bagg, 15, Ajax
"I don't drive yet, but I think these laws are a really good idea. There are so many drunk drivers out there who cause so many accidents. With all that kind of stuff that's happened, I think it's going to be a lot safer now if they do it this way, with these restrictions for young drivers."



Lindsey Snelgrove, 19, Haliburton
"On one hand I think that it's a good idea because it will hopefully stop people from drunk driving. But on the other hand, I think it might be a bit severe. If they're going to make the drinking age 19, these laws should be for 19 and under. If someone is going to have a glass of wine with dinner and they want to drive home afterwards, they should be able to, as the amount of alcohol in one glass of wine is tiny."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Disappearing Africa

Decades of animal monitoring in Africa reveals that the populations of large animals in the continent's wildlife sanctuaries have plummeted over a 35-year period. The greatest decline was found in West Africa, where an 85 percent loss was measured between 1970 and 2005 by researchers from the Zoological Society of London and Cambridge University. The number of animals such as lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos has dropped by 50 to 60 percent in East Africa's national parks, including the famed Serengeti and Masai Mara. The rate of decline has slowed over time however, said researcher Ian Craigie. But the populations of some wild animals in southern Africa are actually growing due to better management and greater financial resources to protect wildlife.

Penguin Deaths

Approximately 550 dead penguins and several other marine creatures have washed up on the beaches of southern Brazil, where experts are trying to determine what caused so many to die. Most were Magellan penguins, which migrate northward at this time of year in search of food in warmer waters. Autopsies of the penguins revealed that their stomachs were entirely empty, indicating they probably starved to death, according to Thiago do Nascimento, a biologist at Brazil's Peruibe Aquarium. He and others say that stronger currents or cooler-than-normal waters may have caused the penguins' food sources to dwindle. Or overfishing could have made the fish and squid more scarce, Nascimento said. Penguins often get lost, and a handful of them die of starvation each year as they end up along the Brazilian coastline, far from their

Lifelong Flu Vaccine

Australian researchers say they have uncovered a key to how the flu virus mutates, which could lead to a new range of drugs to combat influenza, or even a lifelong vaccine. Marco Casarotto of the Australian National University says the discovery is important because there is evidence suggesting that the currently available arsenal of vaccines could become ineffective within five years. Writing in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Casarotto and Matthew Rosenberg said they found how older flu drugs interacted with a protein found in the influenza virus, which mutated and rendered the treatments useless. They say they believe it will soon be possible to make drugs that can overcome these mutations.

Tropical Cyclones

The death toll from Typhoon Conson's rampage across the Philippines during the previous week rose to 76 as more bodies were plucked from the sea. Two other fatalities were reported on China's Hainan Island before Conson wrecked homes and boats in Vietnam.

• Typhoon Chanthu formed in Conson's wake over the northern Philippines, then drenched parts of South China that were already experiencing severe flooding.

Earthquakes

One person was killed in southern Iran by a 5.8 magnitude quake that damaged homes in four villages along the southern Persian Gulf.

• Earth movements were also felt in Papua New Guinea's New Britain Island, Taiwan, the Aleutian Islands, along the California-Mexico border, near Reno, Nev., and in the metropolitan Washington-Baltimore area.

Hawaii Lava Evacuation

A fresh surge of lava from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano forced a couple and their dogs to evacuate as their home was being surrounded by the molten rock. The lava came to within about 300 feet of the residence, also sparking several small fires and crossing an access road. Vulcanologists and civil defense officials say they hope the lava will stop moving parallel to the coast and begin flowing directly to the ocean, away from any more structures. Lava flows in 1987 buried much of the Royal Gardens subdivision, which was located near the boundary of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Meteor 'Attack'

A Bosnian man says that the six times his home has been struck by meteors since November 2007 could not have possibly occurred naturally. The chances of that happening to one home within such a short period of time are literally astronomical, says Radivoje Lajic. "I am obviously being targeted by extraterrestrials. I don't know what I have done to annoy them, but there is no other explanation that makes sense," Lajic told local press at his home in the village of Gornji Lajici. He says he sold one of the stones from space to a Dutch university to help pay for reinforcing his roof with steel. Experts at Belgrade University have reportedly confirmed that all of the rocks he has shown them are meteorites. Lajic says all of the meteor impacts have been during heavy rainstorms, so he now huddles in fear every time it begins to rain. He says so many people have visited to see the remaining meteorite collection that he plans to put a small museum in his garden.

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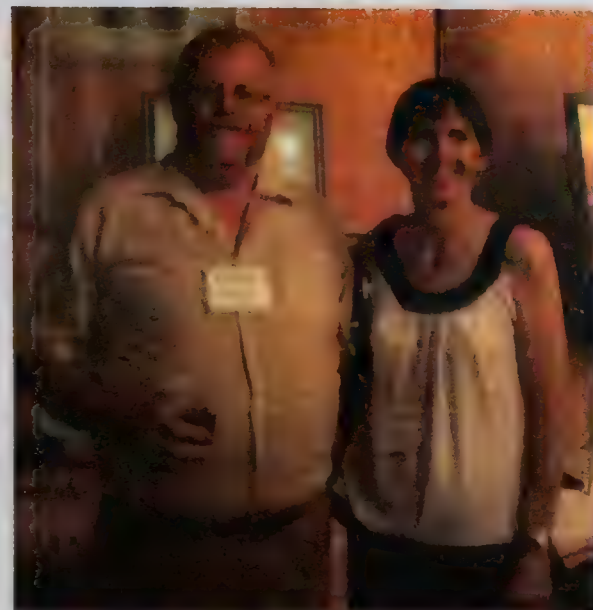
By Courtney Griffin



The 11th Annual Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association/Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Conservation Dinner was held recently at the Haliburton Legion. This dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year for the HHOA, with all proceeds going directly to the Fish Hatchery located on Gelert Road.

The Haliburton Lake Trout Project is the main beneficiary of these funds raised for the Hatchery. The money provides the means for the numerous volunteers to collect, rear, and raise a specific strain of Lake Trout: Haliburton Gold. These fish are unique to the Haliburton area, and require the help of the HHOA to continue to survive and thrive in the lakes.

Each year the HHOA/OFAH groups have three major fundraising dinners, but the Conservation Dinner is the largest of all three. Keith Hodgson, Co-Chair of the organizing Committee, says they hoped to raise about \$15,000 from the dinner, silent auction, and live auction. "\$4,000 is made from the purchase of dinner tickets alone," said Hodgson.



Co-Chair Keith Hodgson with Chair Kim Roberts at the 11th Annual HHOA/OFAH Conservation Dinner on July 16th

"There is a lot of work put into the planning of this dinner. The Committee meets about 20 Tuesday nights through the spring to organize this evening." Most of the items for the auctions were donated, but if they were purchased it was with donated money.

The 2010 OFAH Haliburton Conservation Dinner Committee Members were Norm Barry, Charlie Davis, Derek Little, Julia Robertson, John Ball, Laurie Coumbs, Mike Johnson, Dave Mount, Laura Mount, Marilyn Wooder, Art Theberge, and Ken Coumbs. The Committee was headed by Chair Kim Roberts and Co-Chair Keith Hodgson. The whole Committee put in hours upon hours of work for the Conservation Dinner, and it wouldn't have happened without them.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association would not be so successful and would have a bleak outlook without the funds provided to continue their work; it wouldn't be possible without all of the volunteers and the community members who continually provide support for fundraisers and, ultimately, the future of the Haliburton Gold. ■

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Haliburton's Art and Crafts has Successful 40th: 7000 Visitors Prove It

By Will Jones

"We want to provide a venue for artists and craft folk to exhibit and sell their work but we also want to expose the public to some of the most talented artisans working in Canada today. And I think we succeeded on both counts."

Laurie Jones, director/curator

The weather man got it wrong. As redundant as that statement is, because we've all long since stopped relying on the forecast to plan our days, the fact that the predicted thunderstorms and rain did not materialise over Head Lake Park at the weekend was a blessing for the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival.

Instead, the crowds rolled in, the sun shone (for the most part) and this the 46th year of the festival was a resounding success. "It has been a wonderful event with great exhibitors and lots and lots of visitors," said director/curator Laurie Jones. "Our aim is always two fold. We want to provide a venue for artists and craft folk to exhibit and sell their work but we also want to expose the public to some of the most talented artisans working in Canada today. And I think we succeeded on both counts."

Unofficial figures on Sunday afternoon had visitor numbers at around the 7000 mark, that's almost 10 percent up on last year's event. And, the exhibitors were reaping the benefits. Michael McNeil, of metalwork studio Practical Art, said: "It's been awesome. The event is nice but what we're really here for is sales and our work has been going down really well with the visitors." McNeil makes metal garden ornaments in the shape of brightly coloured insects and flowers, and, while his work is at the low end of the scale in terms of cost - an ant costs around \$25 - even the fine artists, who look to sell an original piece for substantially more felt that the show was a good one.

Painter Lana Jean, whose work goes for anything up to \$2000, said: "There have been lots of people viewing my work and showing real interest in what I do, which is really great. I've sold one piece and made good contacts with two more people who want to discuss with me about painting a commissioned artwork for them. So, for me the show has been a real success."

The diversity of arts and craft offerings at the festival is something to behold: painters, carvers, jewellery makers, stained glass artists, potters, glass makers, metal artists, fashion designers, quilters, wood turners, photographers, and the list goes on. With 126 exhibitors crammed into the exhibition site, and applications from another 80 having to be turned down, Laurie knows that she is able to pick from a high quality pool of artists.

"Our selection criteria are quite rigorous," she explains. "Exhibitors have to apply with examples of their work and a CV. We look for excellence and innovation. We also look to provide a wide spectrum of exhibits, too."

And, in that respect, the fact that a jeweller rubs shoulders with a maker of wooden toys; a soapstone carver sits cheek to jowl with a soap maker; or, an oil painter is in a booth next to a tie-dye t-shirt stand, both reflects the diversity of show and adds to the enjoyment of coming to it.

Exhibitors have arrived from far and wide, as well as just around the corner. The geographical span of this year's event takes in artists from as far a field as British Columbia and New Brunswick. The majority of exhibitors are from Ontario though, with a healthy selection from Haliburton County included. "There is no bias to local artists," says Laurie. "It's just a happy coincidence that we have so many wonderfully talented artisans local to Haliburton."

Buskers made an appearance for the first time this year: pitches set up around the show ground, with musicians taking turns to entertain the passers by. Here too, there was real variety. Top-hatted Albert John Saxby, of Bucket of Shrimp Ears fame, sang a ditty of his own about a rather large body piercing somewhere on his body! While, Caesar's Salad, a group of four young musicians,

strummed out well known pop tunes such as Cold Play's Yellow.

Visitors Rose-Marie Jung and Ali Pevler thought the show was a great way to spend their day. "I always look forward to coming to the exhibition," said Ali. "The work that you see is amazing and it gives me lots of ideas for Christmas and birthday presents."

Rose-Marie added: "I'm in awe of the talent of these people. Almost every booth offers something unique." And, much to her husband's chagrin, I'm sure: "The thing is, most of it is affordable too. You can get some really great buys that are one of a kind."

Similarly Ed and Carolyn Emmerson, who live just across Head Lake, said: "There are so many lovely things; things that you just couldn't find in a store."

And so, with the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival now finished for another year, many of the artisans roll out and onwards to the next show venue - for them the summer is one long tour of towns and cities. For the rest of us it has been a chance to marvel at the talents of these artists and crafts folk; to buy gifts or a special object for our home; and, to think, if only I'd stuck with that pottery class, that painting course, that lathe in Dad's garage, then maybe I'd be half as good as the folks exhibiting at the show!

The money raised from the festival will make a major contribution to the running costs of the Rails End Gallery for



"I'm in awe of the talent of these people. Almost every booth offers something unique, and, the thing is most of it is affordable too. You can get some really great buys that are one of a kind."

*Visitor,
Rose-Marie Jung*



another year. Laurie Jones also wanted to thank her co-chair, Jennifer Wanless-Craig; Brian Daoust and Donna McCallum, in charge of Food and Beverage; Keith Rydberg for Operations, and Volunteer Co-ordinators Sandre Daoust and Gerry Hogaboam. Without the volunteers, there would be no festival.

And finally, if there are any meteorologists reading this, yes I know; it did rain on Friday. I admit that the 'science' of weather reading is not a complete sham! But, even amidst the dull grey skies and constant drizzle of that first afternoon and with what we now know as the incorrect gloomy forecast running in their ears, the Haliburton Art and Craft exhibitors were still optimistic. "Hey," said one, "while it rains folks can't sit on the dock, so they'll have to come visit us!" ■

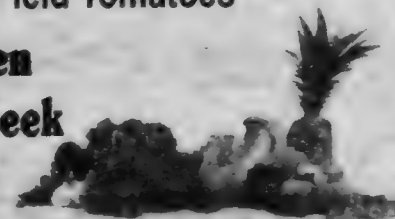
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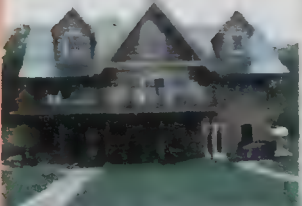


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Sensational Lot! - \$194,900

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Country Setting Nichols Rd - \$212,900

Well built contractors home in a quiet country setting yet very close to town. The Drag river can be accessed a short walk thru the road allowance for swimming and canoeing. This solidly built house features country kitchen & separate dining rm with a walkout to the spacious deck for evening BBQs. 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths along with a full basement and ground level walkout to the front yard provides a nice easy entry. Add to all of this a stone fireplace, oil furnace, drilled well, full septic and central vac now you've got a nice package. CALL Denise



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Lt. Boshkung Lake - \$599,000

Enjoy this Custom Built Viceroy Style Cottage/Home. Open concept main rooms allow for great entertaining. 3 bedrooms, plus a finished family room on the lower level with wet bar. A large gazebo overlooks the lake. A one slip covered boathouse/bunkie(kitchen & living room, bedroom /bath)all beside a fabulous protected beach area. This property has that Algonquin look with rock and pine trees. Oh!!! Did I mention all on 3 lake chain and glorious sunsets.



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Paradise Lake - \$129,000

Just located East of Haliburton, this 3 bedroom home is on a level lot right across the road from Paradise Lake and access to the lake on a 66 ft road allowance. The 1.5 car garage is an excellent work shop with storage loft above. There has been many upgrades to the house in the last couple of years including furnace and hot water tank



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New Listing - \$199,000

Great in-town home walking distance to all amenities. Turn-key 2+2 bedroom, 1.5 bath house with main floor laundry and finished basement. Loads of space and a great potential investment! Call for more information.



New Price - \$194,900

Beautiful lake view. Well maintained 3 bedroom home only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Interior is finished with pine and features a granite stone fireplace, 2 bathrooms and full basement. Very private lot and loads of potential



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Haliburton Lake - \$329,900

Level, well treed lot with privacy facing south on one of Haliburton's finest lakes. Large cottage with open kitchen/dining/living room concept. Year round township road. Good swimming with deep water off the dock, sandy shoreline and 136' frontage. Fully equipped cottage ready to enjoy

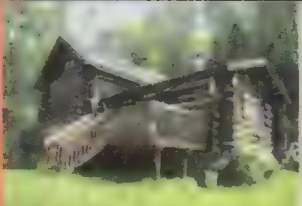


Highland St. Haliburton - \$129,900

Great in town location with this attractively priced 3+1 bedroom home. Walk to shopping and all the other attractions the main street has to offer. Full, partially finished walkout basement, town sewers, excellent starter or rental.



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Loop Road - \$229,000

Charming 2BR round log home. Private, situated on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen with pine cabinetry, main flr lndry, hardwood floors in living area, w/o basement with large recroom. Double car garage.



Hwy 35 - \$249,900

12 Mile Lake right across the road. Great view, great location. For home based business. Spacious, bright appealing home. Many upgrades & features for any family.



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Kushog Lake - \$499,000

Kushog Lake home offers western sunsets with a mixed beach of gradual entry sand and rock. Deep water off the dock. This 3+2 bedroom home and bunkie offers 2252 sqft of living space on a natural setting of well landscaped land. Gentle slope to the water with granite steps to the granite patio. Beautiful kitchen and open concept living space. Call to view.

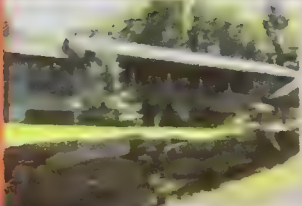


South Lake - \$399,900

Enjoy this beautiful home year round with a level lot and sand bottom beach in a quiet bay. The 3 bedroom spacious home is an open concept layout with large entertainment rooms. The triple heated garage offers lots of room for toys and a work shop. The bunkie towards the water would make a great playhouse! Call to view.



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Kushog Lake - \$509,000

Located on beautiful Kushog Lake, known for its miles of boating and great fishing you will find this well built 3 bedroom home that shows pride of ownership - from the brick exterior with interlocking lapsiding (for a cedar look) - to the awesome waterfront with stairs that go right into the water. The original 20' X 12' cottage is on the original shore allowance and is currently being used for storage. The beautifully maintained yard has lots of low maintenance gardens and extensive stone walls. The house is wired for a generator and has an oil fired hot water tank



Kinmount Farm - \$409,000

Unique 183 acre farm with a 3 bedroom home and frontage on Burnt River. This home has a large living room with a beautiful fireplace and many upgrades including new windows and flooring. The barn has underground stalls for goats and the chicken coop is heated for year round use. There are trails throughout the property and you can enjoy fishing, kayaking and boating from your own dock on Burnt River.

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Country Home - \$159,900

Nestled among the pines is this 3 bedroom bright and cozy bungalow less than 10 minutes from Haliburton. Its finished basement includes a recreation area and 4th bedroom. Privacy plus with sunporch and circular driveway winding through the pines. Enjoy the birds and wildlife from the south facing deck overlooking a lovely, large backyard. Only minutes away from boat launch on Drag Lake. Great starter or retirement home.



Percy Lake Charmer - \$449,900

Log/frame cottage/home on fabulous level lot w/ sand beach/east exposure/big bk view/good privacy. This 2BR/2 bath cott. features renovated kit w/ cupboards & pine ceiling (2006) bright LR with river rock stone fls, lots of windows & pic wic pine walls. Laundry rm/could be converted to 3rd BR. Pine ceilings & floors in most of home & pine int. doors. Other features include log & cedar ext. lg lakeside deck off home & at shore. Good docks, circ. drive, high speed internet. Presently bunkie w/loft being used as workshop. This is a quiet, sparsely populated lake, clear clean water & great fishing.



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Nesbitt Road - \$259,000

A home or week-end getaway around the corner from the Clear Lake boat launch and close to Davis, Spar, South Beaver and Gull lakes! This Private, newly renovated home is on 46 acres of trails and bush. Ceramic tile floors throughout, fabulous steam bath and body shower, new appliances and many upgrades. The sunken living room with cathedral ceilings is beautifully finished and lots of decking to enjoy the sun and the wildlife.



Coleman Lake - \$279,000

This 2+1 bedroom, 1.5 storey cottage on a level lot is situated on a serene, motor-restricted lake. Lots of room to play on the fabulous lawn. Cozy wood interior with separate family room for extra space. Close to West Guilford for shopping and only 20 minutes from Haliburton. Truly a place to relax and get away from it all!



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Moore Lake - \$349,000

This lovely 3 bdrm/2 bath cottage has all of the "I wants"...western exposure, level lot, sand shoreline, three lake chain, end of road privacy, 129' frontage, stone fireplace, pine accents, a main floor family room and a main floor bedroom.



Irondale River - \$254,000

This stunning 3 bdrm/2 bath contemporary cottage/home has 480' frontage on the river and provides several kms. of canoeing, kayaking and boating between Furnace Falls and Three Brothers Falls. Soaring cathedral ceilings in the great room bring the sunshine in while a beautiful corner fireplace provides additional ambience and the dining area opens to a large deck. The location was too special to build the ordinary!

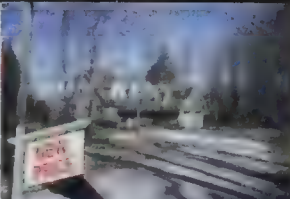


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Eagle Lakefront Acreage - \$687,000

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12 Mile Lake - \$329,000

1940 12 Mile Lake Road
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Gull River - \$274,900

1033 Mistvale Road
Immaculate well maintained home / cottage on the Gull River just south of Minden - 1 1/2 storey home with 1700 sq. ft. plus full finished basement - big open country kitchen and dining area - loads of oak cabinets and counter top space - w/o living room with a waterfront view - freestone fireplace - hardwood floors - 4 + 1 bedrooms - 2 bathrooms - new flooring on second floor - w/o master bedroom to balcony - w/o family room on lower level - lots of flowers and tastefully landscaped - short boat ride to Minden or Gull Lake



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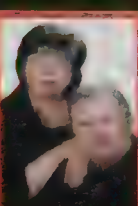
Tory Hill Home - \$99,000

Across from McCue Lake, this 1921 home has had several recent upgrades to give it both charm and convenience. This home has a cathedral ceiling in the kitchen, new roof, new stairways, wood laminate flooring, new plumbing, a great lot with vegetable and rock gardens and large driveway with ample parking! This home must be seen-all with a great lake view, shared use of a dock and an excellent price!



Redstone Lake - \$255,000

Classic Redstone at an affordable price. Cute and pristine original cottage nestled among the rocks with one of the most outstanding views imaginable. This California redwood cottage has 2 bedrooms, new kitchen and metal roof, mahogany panelling and large windows overlooking the lake. Extensive decking offers many ways to enjoy the view. As an added treat the dryslip boathouse with its own commanding view begs to become a charming guesthouse. Enjoy hours of boating and excellent deep water swimming off the dock all season long



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Terrific Log Home - \$194,000

Totally renovated log home/cottage located on over 3 acres of wooded privacy. New kitchen, new flooring, new bathrooms, all with tasteful decor. Jacuzzi tub in main bath and separate tiled shower. 2 good sized bedrooms and pot lights everywhere. Gas fireplace on main floor, 24' X 8' screened porch and 16' X 16' workshop. Move in ready. Above ground pool with attached walkway to laundry/mud room.



Charming Home with Privacy Plus - \$149,900

A rare find! Charming and very private, this unique home on 28 acres is just 10 minutes from Minden. Newer septic, new above ground pool built into deck adjacent to the house. Fully insulated 14' X 14' bunkie, several sheds, manicured grounds and gardens. A small pond and numerous groomed trails throughout the property. Main floor laundry and a Napoleon woodstove in the living room. In the kitchen you can see some of the log walls from the original building. The kitchen has hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling and the gorgeous Elmira Cookstove is included



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Haliburton Lake - \$439,000

Beautifully finished showing pride of ownership...this cozy, charming cottage is located on South Bay of Haliburton Lake and boasts an outstanding Western Exposure, level lot with sand beach, easy year round access, garage with family room above and a walkout to terrace overlooking the lake. The cottage has been fully renovated including windows, floors, decks etc over the last 10 years...shows to perfection! Add in a fantastic lake and you have the perfect family cottage setting...all that's left is a call from you to make the appointment to view! Asking \$439,000



Unique Opportunity - \$179,000

Original log house built in 1887 with 6 year old addition...quaint, warm décor with lots of historic charm. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, laundry, kitchen with high vaulted ceilings and a loft for an office or family room looking down over the kitchen. Full foundation, storage buildings and situated on 3.5 acres of land with walking trails and loads of privacy. Unique opportunity to own a piece of history! Asking \$179,000



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Lorraine Lake - \$298,700

Modern 3 bedroom waterfront cottage/home on year round road. Large wrap around deck looks over lovely level front lot with good shoreline. This 1420sqft Fairmount home was new in 2007, having a drilled well and full septic. Large living room has adjacent dining. Kitchen has built in dishwasher, ample oak cupboards, adjacent is main floor laundry. Double size soaker tub part of large ensuite bathroom. This immaculate home is beautifully furnished and definitely turn key



Grace River - \$319,900

Immaculate year round 3 bedroom home/cottage with full basement and detached garage on a two lake chain. This level lot gives easy access with a gentle slope to the sandy shoreline. Improvements include FA Electric furnace, dug well, central vac and cathedral ceilings. This well cared for home has had only one owner. Looking to live or play in the Highlands, this is definitely the place to be



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Transplanted Gem Laurence Follows Scores Big with Sylvia

By Terrance Gavan

Anne of Green Gables' bro, at home in the Highlands



McKecks was packed last Saturday noon and I approached my good friend Karen Frybort with a request.

"Can a brotha' get a quiet place to do an interview?" I asked.

"No problem Terry," smiled McKecks affable manager, "if you can find one, let me know. By the way who are you interviewing?"

"Anne of Green Gables' brother," I said.

I was greeted by a quizzical look, just before the light came on.

"Ah, Laurence Follows, Megan's brother," said Frybort.

Laurence follows strolls in, as if on cue, tanned, fit, and smiling.

It's a day off. He's been working hard for months, directing a poignant play in the 2010 Highland Summer Festival.

Follows' lovely run as director of the comedy hit Sylvia ends tomorrow evening, July 30. (Look, if you get a chance and there are tickets left, rush over for the 8 pm curtain at Northern Lights.)

Serendipity, that fragile muse, actually prompted Laurence Follows' directorial debut at the Highland Summer Festival this season.

"I know Scot (Denton – Artistic producer of the Highland Summer festival) from the University of Toronto," says Follows. "I teach acting classes at Sheridan College and at the University of Toronto and Scot's a teacher and director at U of T."

But apparently Denton, who has been artistic lead of the Highland Summer Festival for six years, had no idea that Follows was so close at hand.

Fate stepped in. As fate is wont to do on back-wood trails in the Highlands.

"One day I was out with my dog and I was on an old logging track (west of Haliburton) and there was a new house out there so I stopped by to take a look; and two people came out of the place," says Follows. "And it was Betty and David (Mills) the owners."

David, along with Jack Brezina and Melissa Stephens are the production triumvirate in charge of the 2010 summer festival.

Follows says they started to chat and they discovered that he was a director; they heard a little bit about his family, his background, his work as an acting coach, mentor and muse, and the fact that he was a Haliburton resident. For Davis Mills, the rest was simply a matter of putting the pieces together.

"That's how the ball got rolling ... I was trespassing (laughs) ... and they realized that I was here, a director, my family and background; and things started to go from there," says Follows.

He says that the idea to do Sylvia, an A.R. Gurney vehicle about a dog who intervenes in the lives of a married couple, came from empathy.

Two of his sisters have recently been through the heart-wrenching ordeal of marriage break-up - and divorce.

This is a close-knit family, full of shared empathy and mutual respect, and Laurence allows that Gurney's smart comedy about a dog in human form and the couple she comes to love, appealed to him, in part because of what was going on in his sisters' lives.

"Sylvia," smiles Laurence. "You can do the play in a lot of different ways. Although it's a comedy it's a smart play. It's always been my idea that comedy works best if you find the honesty and reality. Comedy's only funny for me if it's based in reality. My two sisters Edwina and Megan have both been through a break up. I saw some of that in the play. I think the comedy's beautiful."

However, it's that sincere writing and the ability of this play to reverberate on tandem and tangential levels that really captivated Laurence.

There was however a seminal moment in the beginning that had to be dealt with. In the original play Gurney uses the dreaded f-word, and while Haliburton is not the Arkansas Bible Belt, Sylvia's penchant for graphic description was discussed at some length by the festival brain trust.

Laurence says he never wanted to use the alternate script. He says the words in the original script were, in his opinion, intrinsic to this play. Thank Dog he received the go-ahead to follow Gurney's original intent.

"In the original writing he uses swear words and often it's taken out," says Follows. "The language isn't extraneous but it's actually extremely important to the conversation in the play and I thought that it worked really well here. I was told in the beginning that it would offend people and they wouldn't come to see it. I've been told by people in the community, since, that they did not find it offensive and I thought that it was real kudos to the community."

"I was amazed at the level of understanding – one of the people who I thought might have a problem with the language actually sat me down and explained to me why the language was so important in the context of the play. Don't undermine the audience. So we did it as written and the audience absolutely came through."

Sylvia received five howls outta' five from this reviewer (see Woof Woof in last week's Voice) and everyone I have talked to over the last five days have been completely enthralled with Sylvia.

Meanwhile Follows says that this little summer detour has whet his appetite for more.

It meshes nicely with his full time gig at U of T and Sheridan. He lives here in Haliburton with his partner - and has time in the summer.

He says that we'll have to wait to see if he'll be back next summer. Keep those fingers crossed. Laurence brings enthusiasm, vigor and a connoisseur's appreciation for excellence.

So, what's it like growing up Follows?

Laurence says he feels blessed; and lucky.

Megan, Laurence and sisters Edwina and Samantha, all grew up in a rather comprehensive environment. They are sons and daughters of Ted and Dawn (Greenhalgh) Follows. All four siblings Laurence, Megan Edwina and Samantha are involved in the family business. Samantha recently landed a role in Mad Men and had to postpone a planned trip here to Haliburton to catch up with Laurence and Sylvia.

Probably a pretty good decision, laughs Laurence.

He exudes confidence and has a deep and abiding respect for roots.

His mom and dad are divorced now, but he says that his mom has demanded – not suggested – that this family remains tied by those bonds that tie. Dawn fled China at an early age, migrating to Canada when the Japanese invaded. She lost her familial roots in the move and Laurence says that it's her enthusiasm, joy and commitment that have kept Ted and Dawn best friends and the family firmly entrenched in spirit.

He smiles. All the kids are involved in film and theater. Samantha and Megan as actors, Edwina as an exec at Discovery Network, and Laurence, as muse, director and mentor.

Down to family. Down to roots.

Down to – what the hell else are ya' gonna do when your formative years were spent in Stratford, with Plummer, Sutherland, Michael Langham and Ted and Dawn?

"My mom and my dad were part of that early CBC renaissance," laughs Laurence. "My dad was involved in Wojeck (popular crime vehicle– Dad Ted played crown attorney Arnold Bateman with John Vernon as coroner Wojeck) and he did that for years

and that spun off to his own series McQueen, a series with Ted in the lead as a crime solving auctioneer.

"My mom did a really weird series called Strange Paradise which was a 60s-70s campy horror piece. Mostly my mom was involved in theater in Stratford. So we all grew up from day one sitting in theaters and watching plays. We just watched plays, waited till the actors got off the stage at the end, and then we would go and take over the stage and reinvent our own plays on the set."

The four siblings literally grew up in the shadows of giants.

Laurence went on to Juilliard and was fortunate enough to study under Michael Langham. He played Hamlet in the school's presentation of Shakespeare's quintessential work.

And talk about karma.

Anne of Green Gables New York debut happened when Laurence was attending Juilliard. Megan made her debut right in front of her brother on the same stage shared by the world renowned school of the arts.

Nice to hear, as well, that Laurence has never felt smothered by the remarkable success of his precocious movie star sister Megan, who, by the way, says Laurence, has never let Anne become that elephant in the room. Laurence says Megan has made a pretty seamless shift to other roles, and niftily avoided the dreaded black hole of Hollywood's typecasting Ari Golds.

Laurence's own theatrical progress has followed its own wonderfully meandering course. Acting in Canada is like negotiating a Rocky Mountain brook - a mixture of vivid turns, detours and some sharp bumps along the way.

He's a child of the Canadian arts milieu and he's learned to thrive in Canada, where members of ACTRA have to do some high steppin' to keep themselves employed.

He realized that fact some time ago, and in an effort to infuse just a little more choice into the mix he started one of Canada's most successful commercial theater companies a troupe responsible for the opening the Panasonic Theater on Yonge Street in Toronto.

He's won numerous Dora Awards, three coming on the heels of his launch of Forever Plaid.

Laurence Follows is an intense individual, and he obviously loves what he does.

His appreciation for the stage, directing and acting comes honestly.

But he takes nothing for granted.

Laurence is also an accomplished life and acting coach and communications program leader.

His website, entitled "On the Presence of Acting" located at laurencefollows.com outlines another side of Follows.

Laurence offers workshops for performing artists, actors and non-actors.

He is known for causing outstanding breakthrough results and his work provides access to new levels of self-expression and creativity, unleashing an individual's natural enthusiasm and confidence.

He says that a lot of his confidence, success and progress is attributable to those strong family ties.

Indeed, it's interesting that a seminal hip-hop piece in Sylvia – which can be done with or without music – actually came courtesy of his nephew, Megan's son, who played the piece for Laurence on a visit.

His eyes light up when he talks about that little piece of the puzzle.

And he glows when he talks about family, friends and life.

He will tell you with unabashed pleasure just how lucky he was to land in Haliburton.

The travel to T.Dot is a killer come fall and winter, but he says the Highlands provides for him what Toronto can't.

A family; a home; and now: the theatre.

"My mom had to leave her parents at 14, and she never met them again until the 1950s," says Laurence, revisiting a thread.

"She taught us the importance of family."

There are some lessons here.

On joy, fulfillment and following your dreams.

Like Sylvia, this romp through the life and time of Laurence Follows can be viewed on many tangential and ambivalent levels.

There's more much more than meets the eye.

And oh yeah.

Laurence Follows?

Much, much more than Anne Shirley's older brother. ■

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By Terrance Gavan

Kids say the Darndest Things

They remind us of our foibles and return our souls to ground



This is a little ditty about kids, life and rediscovered joy.

I wrote a song about five years back.

The hook goes: "It's a long way from hell back to Paradise; and I spent a lotta' of my days dusk dancin' on thin ice."

It dates back to a time back in March, 1998 when I walked into Winnipeg's Willy Wonka Wonderland - a beautiful, provincially funded chocolate chip factory on Portage Avenue - and began my own long trek from hell to a pretty reasonable vision - or version - of Paradise.

Since graduating from Wonka's Post Partum Program for Loonies (Magna Cum Laude) in Winnipeg, I have taught skiing

and snowboarding in Invermere, BC, managed irrigation on the Mountainside Golf Course in the Fairmont Range, moved from the peaks to the hills, and landed a lovely sinecure with Auriga Design here in Haliburton, Ontario.

Winnipeg, the Rockies, and the Highlands.

To fate and lucky stars. I hit the trifecta on my zig-zagged route to a bumpy epiphany.

My best times have been spent teaching alpine arts to young techno bumpers in the Rockies and here at Sir Sam's.

Sometimes I got lucky and made some guided choices that I will remember forever. Touchstones, exclamations and whispered moments.

Back in 2001 I was coaching Nancy Greene and we're out one Saturday and my slowest and most timid kid was on the verge of tears. Frustration and disappointment etched on his mug.

I gave my co-coach Jeremy the nod and told my group to go ski with the advanced group. All except for Michael.

"You're with me Michael," I said and we veered off the trail through the woods to the bump run.

Mike started to cry and we sat down on a mogul.

"I can't do bumps," said Mike.

"Can't's a four-letter word and we're going to ski to the bottom, but we're cheating," I said.

"Just follow me." And I traversed the bumps to the other side of the vacant run. Then we sat down on another mogul.

"Easy-peasey right?" He nodded. Then we rolled over in the snow, and pointed our skis in the other direction. Never downhill but at a gentle traverse line bending through the bumps.

We did this all the way down, went up the lift and we did it again. I found my class and for the last run of the day we all did that same traverse bump run with the sit and roll over at the end of each traverse.

Mike's best friend was a holy terror and a shredder, Brian the Bump.

I told them to run the Volkswagon Mogul Field together after racing.

Every time I saw Mike on the hill he'd come up to me and give me the run down on his day. When I had time, I skied the bumps together with the two clunkensteins.

Long story short. The coaches awarded the Most Improved Skier of the year to Michael, who never hearkened Bode Miller through the gates, but whose alpine times had undergone a remarkable transition.

And his bumps? Crakshaft runs. Mike and Bumpy. Mike always ate his lunch with me at the Fairmont Lodge. I told him to get his instructors just as soon as he was old enough.

I left to come here to Haliburton in 2002. I'm an instructor at Sir Sam's and have seen similar epiphanies over the years. I'm a pretty lucky guy.

But not bulletproof.

Last fall some symptoms started to manifest. Agoraphobia - an old friend; a general feeling of malaise; no sleep; and a maddening inability to read even a Sports Illustrated article from start to end.

I didn't recognize the portent of the telltale warnings, and made decision to head back to my roots in writing. I was simply chasing a fix. I was bewitched, bothered, and bewildered. But I had a toolkit of coping mechanisms for these things - I thought. You all know what thought did, dontcha'?

Last March I woke up one morning, in the fetal position, my stomach roiling with what I assumed was a recurrence of diverticulosis. I also looked out the window joining my dog Billie Jean who was watching the "Bush TV."

"What am I doing here?" I heard myself saying aloud.

And that one I recognized. And some lights flickered.

I immediately phoned my Willy Wonka coach Chuck, back in the Alberta foothills.

Coach simply asked me the de rigueur questions.

He then said: "You will quit; and you will get to the doctor early tomorrow morning; and you will phone me back tomorrow, after you have completed both those tasks."

Chuck is a successful real estate salesman and broker and a former Mayor of a lovely town in the East Kootenays.

He talks and I listen.

I went to the walk-in in on Tuesday morning.

I waited as lunch approached and to my surprise my own doctor appeared. She grinned and said: "you're with me."

Not to get too esoteric or nose-drivelly here but that's exactly what I said to young Mike that day in the moguls.

I was in the bumps last March. My doctor and coach "Special K" watched me break down in her office.

She sat on a chair and made some recommendations which include medication, reading and some guidance.

Three months later I'm skiing some bumps. I joined the Haliburton Soccer Club executive. I took on the website (haliburtonsoccer.com) and do some fill in coaching.

Am I back?

Well I don't know.

But last Tuesday I was back with the kids on the field.

During the game I was cheering our defense with the Man United cheer. "Di-vest, di-vest, DI-VEST them of the ball!"

Several players came up and asked what divest meant. Ah, crap I am now become a silly caricature of Kevin Spacey in Pay it Forward.

At the end I was twirling the ball on my finger. "How do you do that coach?"

"Just like you get to Carnegie Hall son ... practice, practice practice."

Then I took out several tennis balls that my dog Billie Jean had dropped in my sports bag. I juggled three.

A little guy came up to me and asked quite earnestly.

"Coach, are you a clown?"

I just smiled.

"I sure am ... and it's just great being a clown."

Thanks Chuck and thank you Dr. Special K.

For helping me find my center again. ■



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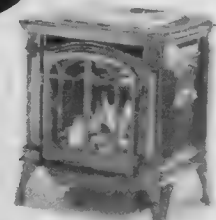
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Cultural Dance Taught In Haliburton

By Courtney Griffin

The Heritage Ballet studio was the locale for a Middle Eastern Dance and Folklore class taught recently by Sarah Brawley (pictured right). Brawley is an instructor sent by the Arabesque Dance Company and Academy of Toronto, and is here as a part of a program launched by the Haliburton School of the Arts.

There is a large age difference in the participants of the program, with the youngest being roughly 18 and the oldest 66. There are 16 ladies taking part in the Middle Eastern Dance and Folklore class, and seem to be enjoying every minute. One participant stated that "it is a lot of fun and great exercise, but very tiring." The women have come from all over south-eastern Ontario to participate in this class, from places such as Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto, while very few are from the Haliburton area.

The instructor, Brawley, stated that she loves this class and said, "I just came back from Cairo in Egypt. I was there for five weeks, and there were horns beeping from cars all the time and it was very busy. To come to Haliburton after that is very relaxing!"

This was a foundation and beginners level class, and the Haliburton School of the Arts offers many other programs throughout the summer months. For more information on classes, please visit www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca/.



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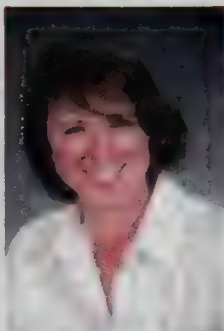
Jessica has recently joined our Haliburton Office. Raised in Fenelon Falls she moved to the city to pursue her Bachelors Degree in Neuroscience and Psychology at U of T. Upon completing her education she moved to Haliburton 6 years ago. Earlier this year she married local resident, Jeff Wilson and decided to get her real estate license.

Jessica is a dog lover and her interests include many outdoor activities, most sports as well as spending time with family & friends at the lake.

Jessica has joined our strong team of professionals and is looking forward to helping you with your real estate needs throughout the county. Let Jessica and the proven track record of Re/Max Haliburton Highlands Realty Ltd serve you best.

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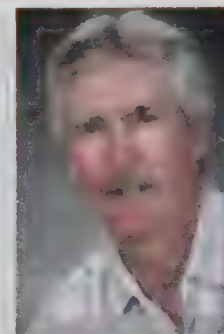
Karen has recently joined our Minden Office. She has vacationed in the Highlands since she was a child and has family in Haliburton. She loved it so much she moved here permanently a few years ago. She works as an administrator with her husband who is a builder and owns a company which distributes Greenblock insulated concrete forms.

Karen is a member of the Muskoka Masters Swim club and swims competitively having tried her first tri-a-tri last year in Stanhope. She absolutely loves it here.

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Steve Pogue
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Steve has recently joined our Wilberforce Office. Having enjoyed the cottage experience for over 28 years, Steve and his family moved to Harcourt Park full time in 2003. After 20 years in the computer industry, he became an electrician & builder.

Steve enjoys many outdoor activities and has served as a volunteer for the past 18 years on the Park Board of Directors currently as President. He has also served as a Councillor for Harcourt Ward of the Municipality of Dysart et al for the last 7 years.

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Hooked on Fishing

JDHES poster contest winners Victoria Archibald, Brittany Bull and James McEathron, along with three buddies, Cassidy Glecoff, Jesse Barry and Jake Russell-Bull, set out on the fishing trip of their young lives last Thursday. The three grade five fishers were the favourites in the "Take a Kid Fishing" poster contest sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Haliburton Stewardship Council.

The poster competition is open to grade five students from county elementary schools on a rotating schedule. This year JDHES kids had the opportunity to qualify for the trip.

The six kids, along with conservation officers, Mike Rutter, Craig Smith, Brian Alexander and Kevin Hoare, and support staff and cooks, Tracey Teel and Nicole Tuyten from the Stewardship Council met at the Minden MNR office at 8 AM on July 22nd. There they prepared their four boats and fishing gear for the trip to a private lake south of Minden, a fishing hole where both prey and smiles would be abundant. (Sorry, sworn to secrecy concerning the name of the lake) Gear and tackle were supplied by Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Minden Live Bait and Outdoors Plus.

Regardless of age, this would be a fishing excursion to remember! Any young fishers going into grade five in September may want to start designing a poster now. Where else can an 11-year-old win six guides, four boats, free tackle and guaranteed great fishing for a day?



Coumbs Is Back On The Water



By Courtney Griffin

After a seven year break from competitive fishing tournaments, Chris Coumbs returned with a vengeance at the Canada Day kickoff of the Competitive Sport Fishing League Bassmania competition. Coumbs was partnered with long-time friend Scott Bird, who works for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Taking a leave from competition was necessary for Coumbs to spend more time with his family. Sometimes priorities just get in the way of having fun, but it all works out in the end. "Between Natasha, my wife, and Scott, they got me back into the competition. Scott asks me each and every year to come out, and when I spoke to Natasha about it, she said 'GO! Go fishing!' She loves fishing just as much as I do."

The Canada Day tournament was the first in a five-competition series to qualify for the Bassmania Classic which is to be held on Labour Day weekend this fall. A great deal of time is put into these tournaments, which has been an issue for the Coumbs/Bird duo; Coumbs runs the successful Haliburton business 'The Wild Outdoors' and has, of course, large responsibilities to the store.

Coumbs has recently gained some more free time, which he is now using for these tournaments, as he partnered with Ian Speare last fall. "With Ian having the same interest in the store as I do, my mind is more at ease," explained Coumbs. Speare, having once won the Classic, is very supportive of Coumbs and his decision to get back into competitive fishing.

"It was nice to see a lot of the guys I haven't seen in a while. I actually met Ian at tournaments probably 20 years ago. Nobody could have known then that we would be here 20 years later, partners." Coumbs certainly enjoyed his time out on the water, placing second with partner Bird with a total catch of 12.45 pounds. Greg Klatt was this year's winner, and Coumbs recognizes Klatt as a deserving winner.

"You have to get away from the everyday stuff every once in a while," said Coumbs, "It's hard to do. The more time you put into it, the more you will get out of it. Scott spends a lot of time on the water, and it pays off; he won the tournament last year. That day on the water with Scott was one of the most relaxing days I've had out fishing in a long time." ■

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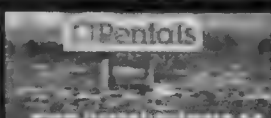
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And What Whispers on the Lonely Biking Trails Surrounding Haliburton?

By Terrance Gavan

Swelling swish of wheels and Highland Wheeler vanishes - like a ghost

The elusive Highland Wheeler.

A shimmering bike-bound shroud.

Rolling silent down a Highlands Highway.

Apocryphal?

Anecdotal?

Or rural legend?

The Wheeler, a Highlands' phenomenon, and strange swaying apparition.

Rod Serling popped the big nut, so it's left to a local investigative journalist - who is either Crocodile Dundee, the newly risen poltergeist of Steve Irwin, or Jack Brezina dressed in Tilley drag - to draw us into the mystery surrounding this stunningly slippery specter via several vibrant videos on You Tube.

Scotland has its Nessie; the Andes has its Yeti; and my schizophrenic neighbor will apparently always have Elvis.

Now, the Haliburton Highlands apparently has its Wheeler. A synthesis of ectoplasm, titanium and rubber.

I'm just guessin' here folks, based on the current cycling technology and paranormal studies and stats.

The fearless You Tube reporter - Crikey I bloody hope it's Stevie Boy - and a growing contingent of local riders, like the Tuesday Real Easy Riders Club, say they have had experiences, eerie premonitions and frank encounters during rides of late.

"I was nearing the top of a hill, and I was struggling, when suddenly I felt a push, from behind, that carried me to the top," says one rider, via one Wheeler video. (Google You Tube "Highland Wheeler").

When I first checked in last week there were three videos. Now there's five - or six. I don't know. I'm not good with You Tube.

But I can report that the videos have gone viral.

Well over 314 hits.

What?

No, I did not misplace a decimal.

This is Haliburton, smart butts. Anything over 200 is Justin Bieber territory.

If we get 1000 hits Pastor Peter Mansbridge will be leading The National with The Highlands Wheeler.

If it bleeds it leads baby.

We of course will have to hope that sometime soon the Wheeler will take down a Moose on Highway 35.

Leaving an oozing smoky trail of ectoplasm and burnt rubber.

Pan to Sergeant Clark McBlaster, standing beside the dead moose, puzzled look on his face and quoting Robert Service for a CBC intern wearing gothic black and Clearasil pimple cream.

"Yes Julie," says McBlaster. "Ol' Robert was right: 'There are strange things done 'neath the midnight sun by cyclists on the road. And these Highland trails have their secret tales that would make your blood run cold.'"

Ol' Clarkie is apparently sliding a few months early into retirement, and pining hard for national face time.

We digress, back to the chase.

Ahh, crap, just realized that I uploaded the videos out of order.

Bad news. Steve Irwin is still six feet under with a stingray beak in his chest.

Good news. It is apparently Wolverine Jack Brezina, channeling his inner Indiana Jones.

"Is this just the figment of someone's imagination or is there indeed a phantom cyclist known as the Highlands Wheeler roaming around the hills of Haliburton?" asks Wolverine Jack in the lead video.

Mike Jaycock, Sean Pennylegion and Jim Hopkins are all intrigued.

But no one has the cojones to come clean with that classic trailer park testimonial.

"YES, lord, lordy, lord. I saw him. Big white light atop a full schmush Trek Enduro. Darnitt if he didn't roll right up to the trailer, knock on the door and shove a probe ... right up my ... hmmm.

"We's on You Tube? I don't wants to disturb anyone's lunch. Let's just say this Wheeler feller took out a long metal stick and put it where the moon never shines. Lemme' tell you Wolverine Jack. It's Roswell, all over again. Lordy, Mary get them curlers out of your hair. We's on You Tube, Not America's Most Wanted."

Well, we've fallen down another tangential well here.

I just located another video. Brezina reports that the OPP forensics team has popped to life.

CSI Haliburton springs to action in the Highlands.

We swing to the Hawk Lake Log Chute. "The OPP has received several reports about a mysterious rolling object. Some people have nicknamed it the Highland Wheeler," says our spokesman and forensics whiz Clark McBlaster.

He puts on the gloves. Clue-sifting-gloves. Latex, large, talcum coated.

He's handed the evidence. A 50's era bike horn and a top hat. Pennylegion says the sneaky SOB wears a top hat.

McBlaster tries to place perspective on this big break.

He's gone silent. Hamsters grinding away on wheels in that forensic noodle. Wait, he speaks.

"Ditched his horn and hat," says McBlaster. "Bad sign. He's probably bought a helmet."

McBlaster is putting it together, hamsters spinning those wheels, neurons clacking hard connecting synaptic dots.

The Highland Wheeler, says Clarkie, already a spectral commodity, is divesting all remnants of his past.

Silent running, helmet.

Better to blend with the locals.

Infiltration. Classic KGB tactics, says McBlaster.

Now if he can just get rid of that ectoplasmic neon glow that surrounds him, the Highland Wheeler would be all but invisible.

Bad news. The forensics expert roaming the woods with McBlaster has apparently stumbled on some mushrooms.

She comes out of the woods, grinning and wearing the top hat. The key evidence in the case.

"You've contaminated the top hat," chides McBlaster. Then a smile. Maybe pondering that impending retirement? "Hey, can you show me where you dug up those mushrooms?"

The video closes with a short snippet of the Wheeler, rolling luminescent and shimmering in the sun.

Like a Canada Day pinwheel.

Back to the You Tube. A break in the case.

Pan to Mike and Jane Jaycock on the road.

Wolverine Jack finally gleaning some concrete apocrypha.

"We've seen the Highland Wheeler, right beside the Share the Road Sign," says Mike.

"We have video of him right in front of the sign," says Jane.

The Jaycock video that follows is a miasma of dashboard, grass, door handles, Mike's butt - apparently ripe for that probe - and a full frontal of the Share the Road Sign. But no Wheeler visible on the shaky replay.

All of which begs the inevitable questions.

Do Mike and Jane live in a trailer? Do they grow mushrooms?

Okay. But I had to ask.

Mike leaves us with a poignant thought.

"I know we saw him," says Mike.

"And now every time I see a cyclist on the road, I'm gonna Share the Road."

Ahh. Amen to that brother Mike, Sister Jane.

Let's leave just that one ghost on the highway this summer. ■

Mighty Mosquitoes

Minden
Mosquitoes
Mighty
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Finals and play a team
from the Kitchener area.
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be played in Minden
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weeks Voice for time
and place.



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Middle: Carter O'Neill, Nik Dollo, Jaxson Campbell, Trevor Turner, Cam Graham, Carson Sisson
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What's Up Doc!

by Dr. Carol Sanio
Minden Animal Hospital

Is Obedience a Sign of Intelligence?

I have often thought that there should be a television show with dogs testing their intelligence, perhaps comparing them to a fifth grader. We sometimes label breeds of dogs as more intelligent than others but what really is the definition of intelligence? In most places you look, the definition of a "smart dog" is one who is obedient and just does what we tell them. Well, that sounds like a smart dog to me. They get all the praise and love from the humans because they do what we want. Is that intelligence or compliance? What about the really crafty escape artists or the ones that can get the smallest piece of meat out of a jam-packed, locked down garbage can? How about the dog that knows just what neighbour to hit up to get a treat? These dogs may be disobedient, but stupid? I don't know.

I happen to share my home with a breed that is not known for their intelligence. Napa is a Whippet, a sight hound. I often (actually very often) see the little rabbits, deer, squirrels etc long before my sight hound does as we walk through the bush. He can usually outrun the little critters once he spots them and gets right up to them, skidding to stop and quivers in fear, not really sure what to do now that he has them in reach. He comes when I call him, stops the chase if I tell him to and returns at an astonishing speed. Is it intelligent to chase the critters in the bush for no apparent reason? Is it any smarter to be obedient to word commands? Watching Napa run full tilt towards me is like watching poetry, until he gets really close. Then you bend your knees or move to the side because he cannot really judge how fast he is going. Pretty, yes, but smart?

Researchers will tell you that the intelligent dogs are the easily trained dogs. Border collies will be top on the list most of the time. Others at the top always include Poodles, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Labs and Aussies. At the bottom of the list are many of the sight hounds,

Afghan's are usually right at the bottom (but very pretty!), as are Chow Chow, Shih Tzu and Pekingese. You can believe what you want, they are only lists.

Some people measure intelligence by the brain size. Bigger dogs would, therefore, be more intelligent. If the bigger brained dogs are more intelligent, they should be more resourceful but the small terriers and the really good escape artists (read Husky) seem to be able to teach themselves how to get into trouble and out of the house or crate without any formal training.

Good trainers can train dogs to do all kinds of tricks, jump through hoops, up and down 'A' frames, catch a fly ball or heel at your side when walking. The self-directed training is learned by creative problem solving. That is how my cat and dog worked together to get the food off the counter and onto the floor to be devoured. It is one thing to teach a dog to open a door for a person and it is another for him to watch and figure it out on his own so he can go out when he is confined.

Dogs need to be adequately motivated, and then they will learn. We need just look at what is in it for the dog to understand how they learn. Food motivated dogs like Labradors learn very quickly when food is the reward. Perhaps the runners have a travelling bug, the diggers passion is for treasure hunting, and the barkers may just be entertainers or early warning systems.

I don't think you should turn your backs on "dumb" dogs, they just might surprise you. Then again, they might be frightened at a charging kitten and bark at a bear in your backyard. Then you may re-think the definition of intelligence. ■



Quilter's Guild Displays Beauty

By Courtney Griffin

At the Haliburton Curling Club on the weekend of July 23rd - 25th, numerous beautiful quilts were hung on displays for the public to view. The Quilter's Guild, composed of 82 members, has been hosting the Journeys Quilt Show for 13 years in Haliburton.

Each year, the Guild chooses a quilter to be the featured artist of the event. This year's featured quilter was Kim Bolender. Bolender feels that she was chosen for the part "probably because I am

one of the charter members of the Quilter's Guild. There are only about seven or eight Charter Members left." Her quilts feature both hand and machine work and a great variety of colours and patterns.

"All my work has taught me something and represents a point of progress in my quilting," explained Bolender. "I do consider it a very great honour that they asked me to be the featured quilter." Bolender has been quilting for 20 years, and taught quilting for two years at the Haliburton School of the Arts; she now teaches privately at her home.

Many items were on display at the Quilt Show, including yarns, Quilts of Valour, a vendors market, books, and some demonstrations of quilting. Judy Chapman was on hand to demonstrate the use of a table loom and how to use it for weaving.

The table loom allowed for Chapman to play around a great deal with materials and patterns while not wasting much



material. Chapman has been weaving for 34 years and is a part of the studio tour. Rag-weaving, as done by Chapman, is a great way to recycle used materials that no longer serve their intended purpose. "It's always a surprise," she said, "it's really fun to do because you never know how it is going to end up."

The quilts at the Show were awarded prizes based on a judging, and others



for viewers' choice. A staggering number of patterns were used by the quilters, some originating from books, but many self-designed patterns were created as well. The quilts on display were a variety of colours, shades, shapes, patterns, sizes and styles. Congratulations to all ribbon winners! ■



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Zero Impact

By Pam Sayne

*Submitted by the Haliburton Stewardship Council
and Environment Haliburton*

Haliburton County. We love it for the environment. That is why we live here and work, cottage, and play here.. Our environment inspires artists, writers, sports enthusiasts, thinkers, leisure seekers, and self-sufficient community minded futurist debate. Think Global ---Act Local is a way of life -- not a phrase. Nothing stays the same and our County is changing too. The debate is how are we changing?

Our natural environment is changing, being eroded every year by our impact. Yet we still have many natural resources to protect, and the creative to resolve: "we are not going to be like every other growing community across North America". In Haliburton County, people can still experience something different. "Do we want change that continues to re-produce large branded stores, big parking lots, 24-hour bright lights and houses that all look just the same? Do we want to change like everywhere else?"

In my vision of Haliburton's future, development decisions are centered on zero-footprint initiatives instead of 'minimum impact' on the environment. Too many minimums altogether have equaled too much impact on the natural environment. Zero-footprint development, which is commonly understood as change that is not harmful to our non-renewable resources and environment, can make us unique from other changing communities. Considering the planet as a whole, a zero-footprint strategy is more than desirable. It is necessary. The technology is available. A community team including political will, inventive minds, and creative thinkers is required.

New jobs can thus be "homegrown" and local invention can be supported as the tax base grows. Development incentives can encourage local creativity. Nurturing the creativity of the people around us is an important part of promoting healthy change.

Communities promote zero-footprint practices by Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Re-inventing. Individuals, governments, businesses and corporations all play a role.

This article highlights only a few examples of individuals, governments, and businesses incorporating trends towards zero-footprint initiatives. Change in our environment is inevitable. Movement towards a zero-footprint initiative is an informed choice offering healthier environmental and economic change.

We enjoy living, working, and playing in Haliburton. We thrive on the natural environment that supports our needs and inspires our creativity. Development that mirrors the buildings, parking lots and lights of other developing communities represents one path of change. However, this path is not inevitable. An alternative incorporating zero-footprint initiatives

may be gradual, but can be decisive. If we do not choose that alternative, we will be like everyone else and our community will look like everywhere else. We will soon be like many of the tourists and new residents who come here, looking for somewhere else to go and experience the rich natural environment. Let's enjoy Haliburton now and tomorrow.

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Zero Impact Development Trends

More local food production, reducing the consumption of fossil fuels used to transport food from farm to consumer.

Home and cottage energy retrofits resulting in reductions in green house gas emissions, lower heating and cooling bills, and increased local economic activity

Locally-generated wind, solar, and geothermal energy sources -- alternatives to conventional energy derived from fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Local rivers and dams used to produce local electric energy. This will eliminate the significant losses that result from transporting electricity over long distances. Local workers will be required to operate and maintain the installations

Expansion of trail networks. Trail organizations provide information on how and where to enjoy the natural environment and how to preserve the environment for future generations. The development of nature trails can generate jobs while increasing an understanding of zero-impact development

Waste-resource management. New and sustainable jobs can be created through government and private company co-operation. For example, the Solid Waste-Resource Management Facilities in Nova Scotia are world leaders in diverting valuable materials for disposal. They realized ten times more jobs in recycling than in disposal. Old tire materials are recycled into running shoe soles and athletic fields; metal is shipped back to plants in Ontario; glass and plastics are re-used or recycled and much of the garbage is composted and sold to landscapers and gardeners. Boxes are turned into cellulose insulation blown into attics to save on heating and cooling.

Fuel cell technology. Major corporations working towards zero-footprint strategies are employing new technologies. A major hotel in San Diego is heating and cooling the rooms, heating swimming pools and running the entire hotel off grid with high efficiency fuel cell technology. The waste product is hydrogen, ready to run the new breed of cars. □

Passage Winds Down

By Mark Arike

*Annual Faculty Exhibition Concludes
With Final Tuesday Meet N Greet*



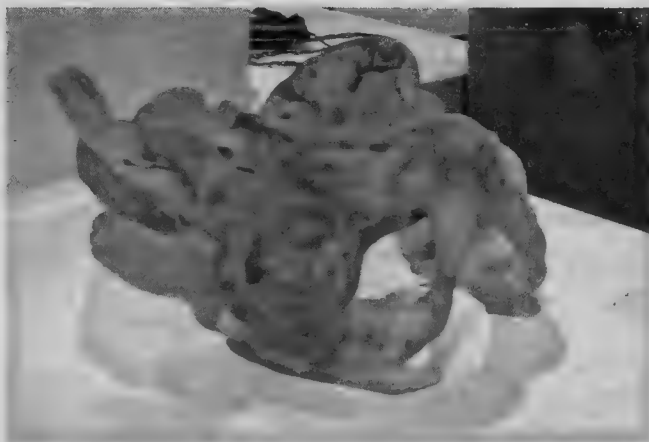
What does a doorway, pelvis and a zigzagging roadway all have in common? They serve as symbols of entry and exit points in an exhibition that wrapped up this past Tuesday at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre.

Running for one month in the upper level of the gallery, Passage was a diverse show that came together through the creativity brought forward by faculty from The Haliburton School of the Arts in response to its title.

"Passage is part of a longer chain of shows that have been happening here for the past four years with the faculty," said the gallery's executive director Laurie Jones.

To make it convenient for instructors to participate, the annual show has been held in the month of July.

"That's when the college has many of their courses on and



it's nice because there are so many professional artists who teach there," explained Jones.

In the past the show was completely focused on the instructor and medium they work in, whereas today different themes are utilized to spur the imagination and create a sense of harmony. Themes used in exhibitions previous to this one have included Fuel, Body of Work and Vessel.

"For me this theme provides a creative spark," said Jones while pointing out a glass pelvis made by local glass artist Terry Craig.

"If I wanted a literal interpretation of what I had in mind, this would be it," said Jones, referring to the piece of human anatomy.

When the call was first put out to teaching staff in the spring, about 100 instructors responded. Those respondents were then contacted directly and made aware of the timelines, size restrictions and other guidelines. The exhibition was not juried;



instead all those who made the deadlines (over 60 of them) had their work featured.

Paintings, fibre art, glass, basketry and some non-traditional pieces (like Rebecca Reynolds's paint chip creation) are just some examples of the work that was on display.

Each Tuesday of the week between 4:30 - 6 p.m., meet n' greets with the artists were organized.

On average, about 140 people attended each of

these events.

"I think the students really love being able to talk to the teachers," said Jones of the Tuesday night's that bring out many faculty members. "It's also a great way to introduce new Rails End Gallery volunteers to the community."

As for future faculty shows, Jones already has some ideas floating around in her head.

"I was thinking maybe inhale, or welcome ... family, or sleep," she said.

Jones was very impressed by the effort demonstrated by the artists who entered the show and would like to thank them for participating. Thanks also go to Haliburton Foodland for sponsoring the show. ■

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Struck by Lightning



Sometimes, when a thunderstorm is sounding its fury right over your head, you can't help but wonder if you'll be hit. Last Wednesday at around 4:00 in the afternoon three Highlands East employees got more than they had bargained for in a day's work when lightning struck the building they were in giving them all a nasty jolt.

Don Meharrie, the Tory Hill landfill attendant and his two summer students Colbeigh Aylsworth of Wilberforce and John Alexander of Cardiff got the shock of their lives when the attendants' shack, where they had gathered for a bit of shelter from the downpour, was hit by lightning lifting them right out of their chairs.

Meharrie said, "If you've ever had a shock from an appliance, this was a hundred times worse." And both young students silently nodded their

heads in agreement.

"We decided to get out of the rain and were sitting in the shed watching the storm, when we saw lightening hit the fence," Meharrie said. "Four or five minutes later we saw another flash of lightning and it must have either hit the shack or the ground because we all felt a painful shock come right up through our legs."

Meharrie quickly got his helpers out of the building and into their van where he thought they would be safer. He said they were all very shaky and it was a tough move because their feet were numb, but they piled into the van and moved it away from the shack.

"John said that his eyes were hurting and he could feel the pain move up from his feet to his ankles and knees and that's when I decided to call for help."

Meharrie ran back to the shack and called for help. Within minutes Fire Chief Bill Wingrove and Reeve Dave Burton were on site to find three shaken and scared individuals. He later stoically said that despite having a nasty shock, it was just another thing added to aches and pains that he has grown accustomed to.

Aylsworth said, "Our heart rates had increased pretty much whether it was from shock or the jolt. As soon as the Fire Chief saw us he called for the ambulances and within minutes two of them arrived and took us to the hospital."

Aylsworth, who suffered neck and back pain and says that she still feels a bit out of sorts, had x-rays taken and both she and Alexander were given ECG's and checked out thoroughly before being released. Alexander said he was fine later that night and returned to work the next day for his shift.

Luckily Aylsworth wasn't scheduled to work the next day, but she told the Voice that a couple of days later she was travelling to Oshawa with family and lightning struck a tree right beside them. "I nearly flipped," she said, adding that she isn't much of a fan of thunderstorms any more.

Aylsworth attends Haliburton High School and Alexander attends the North Hastings High School in Bancroft.

Burton said he was very concerned when he got the call and was happy that he was at home and available to assist not only as a fireman, but to be able to provide a bit of support as Reeve. "Don was wise to move them over to the van where it would be safer, and that's where they all were when we arrived."

"As bad as things were throughout the county I'm pleased to say that we had two ambulances to provide first response within a matter of minutes," he said.

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Thank You

Thank You

"Every day you wake is a good day." Sid would say. The words "Thank You" are not adequate for all the generosity, love and prayers surrounding our family in memory of our "gentle man" SID.

Special recognition to The staff of The Haliburton School of the Arts for being there, our supporting 'angels' who know who they are, family, friends and students spread across North America to England. Special appreciation is sent to sons and daughter who were quickly there when we need them.

Thanks to Dr. K. Hartwick and the multitude of doctors, nurses and heart research over our 25 years at Bluehawk Lake. The Haliburton Community Funeral home staff is tops in their field. St. Margaret's Wilberforce congregation surrounds us with prayers. The family created is as important as the one we're born into. As Sid's frog loved to sing "What a Wonderful World!" We are blessed.

Wendy E. Bateman



YARD SALES

FAMILY YARD SALE - Saturday July 31, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 40 Keefer Street, Haliburton East of Sunnyside, left on Keefer. Follow the CLOWN signs.

YARD SALE

MOVING SALE - 6 Cattail Road - off Riverside Drive in Haliburton. Art, bedroom suites, dining & living room sets, dishes & kitchen items, lamps, antiques, bar stools, chairs, pool cues & much more. Saturday July 31st, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

YARD SALE - 48 Pine Street Haliburton, July 31st 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Household furniture, Christmas items, and much more.

YARD SALE - 1021 Front Lane - Hunter Creek Estates, Minden July 30th starts at 12:00 (noon) and July 31st starts at 9:00 a.m.

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YARD SALE - Saturday July 31 From 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. (no early birds please and thank you)

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Max McKay July 25th, 1992

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Love Loretta, Leroy, Wendy and Family

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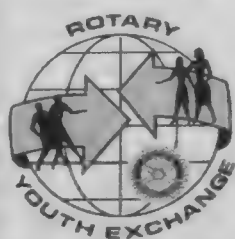


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Death Notice



Armand Paul Aymong
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With great sadness we announce the passing of Paul Aymong, lover of art, jazz, good wine and food, and fine whiskey.

Father of Tony Aymong (Carol Moffatt). Predeceased by his wife Florine Ketcheson. Son of James Armand Aymong and Florence Lambie.

Paul was born in Toronto and raised in the old village of Islington, Ontario when Islington and Dundas were still dirt roads. Even though he was an only child Paul grew up to know the value of family and good friends.

Paul was an avid musician who gathered a lifetime of friends and experiences playing saxophone on the summer circuit of the old pavilions in 1940s Muskoka. He played in many bands throughout his life - up to four concurrently in his 60s, until arthritis came calling when he was in his late 70s.

Paul's connection to Haliburton started well before he was born when his parents visited the Matabanick Inn in the 1920s, later building on the west side. As a teenager Paul camped and canoed the area when there were only a handful of cottages on Boshkung and when a kid didn't need permission to pitch a tent or a license to catch a fish.

He built his own cottage on the lake in the 1950s and he, along with Florine, Tony and Beau the dog, spent many years travelling between Haliburton and Ottawa, where by day he worked as an accountant for Singer Sewing Machine.

After moving to Oakville and later selling the cottage, Paul and Florine didn't visit Haliburton much. Paul claimed a sunny Saturday was better spent wandering up and down Yonge St. and enjoying an authentic deli lunch.

Paul was equally at home with a rifle, a saxophone and a calculator. He was an avid reader who loved politics and baseball. He possessed an amazing wealth of knowledge on an array of topics, especially history. He enjoyed conversation with friends, a good suit and a fine hat, the latter preferably made by his good friend Sammy Taft, originator of The Hat Trick. He also liked a good debate and loved it when people had an opinion contrary to his own.

A few hundred words upon death does little to capture the intricacies of a life well lived. Paul was a curious mix of doing the right thing and doing his own thing. He will be missed, especially by Pitt, Sue, Cousin Steve and Gunter & Rosie.

It's difficult to find the appropriate words of thanks for the staff at Hyland Crest, including Dr. Kristy Gammon, for their excellent care. For those of you drawn into Paul's jovial and story-filled web, please know that he valued your break-time visits, stories, teasing and most importantly, your friendship. It's been a tough few weeks and we appreciate everything you've done for Paul and for us.

At Paul's request there's no visitation, no flowers, and no memorial donations. A graveside service will be held at St. Peter's Church Cemetery, Maple Lake on Saturday July 31 at 11:00 am. This will be followed by a reception at The Log House where we'll gather to admire his art, listen to jazz and drink good wine and fine whiskey. So long Paul.

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Eco Trivia Answer

A:

Use them as mulch! Grass clippings and straw act as great mulches for vegetables from the bottom. Leaves and twigs are great to put into your flower and shrub gardens, as they have a ton of nutrients that they return to the soil as they decompose, they also add moisture holding capacity to the soil. Try running the leaves over with your lawn mower before raking them under your shrubs and plants, this will cause them to break down faster.

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St. Peter's Church

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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

All citizens with an interest in land use planning in the Municipality of Highlands East are invited to attend an open house to obtain information on the new Official Plan for the Town.

The current Official Plan was approved on December 7, 2004 and Provincial legislation requires municipalities to review and update their Official Plan every 5 years to consider local planning issues as well as to ensure consistency with Provincial policy.

This open house will follow an informal workshop format with a overview presentation and an opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to discuss planning issues and community values.

The date, time and location of the Open Houses is provided below:

Afternoon Open House:

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010

Time: 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Location: Glamorgan Community Centre

Evening Open House:

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Location: Lloyd Watson Community Centre - Wilberforce

If you are planning to attend this open house, the following documents may provide useful background information:

1. Official Plan for the Municipality of Highlands East available at the Municipal Office or for download at www.highlandseast.ca/downloads/officialplan
2. Official Plan Review and Update - Discussion Paper available at the Municipal Office or for download at www.highlandseast.ca
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4. Provincial Policy Statement 2005 available for download at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/main.asp?function=municipal&subfunction=municipal§ion=Planning&subsection=OfficialPlan

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Wings Over the Highlands

"Whatever we do is for the public good."

By Courtney Griffin



The Stewardship Council has been running Discovery Days each Wednesday in the Haliburton County area, which includes a variety of activities and interests. On July 21st, Colin Jones led a large group of people through the Dahl Forest in search of butterflies.

The Dahl property was donated on December 23, 2009 to the Haliburton Land Trust to be used for such excursions. The Dahl's planted over 100,000 trees on the 500 acre property, and "the land trust hopes to continue the Dahl's work by protecting the 2.7 kilometres of natural shoreline on the property, along with the trees" and numerous other assets, explained Land Trust Chair Sheila Ziman. "Whatever we do is for the public good."

The title of the Discovery Day was "Wings over the Highlands", and was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Before heading off on the trails, Colin explained some basics about butterflies. "Butterflies are very picky about when they are active; they find places to roost, under leaves and such, to keep out of the rain and dew." Butterflies, like most insects, have three body parts – the head, the thorax and the abdomen – and six legs.

An interesting fact, which few of the people knew, was that the colour on butterflies' wings is from scales. "Each individual scale is one colour," stated Colin, "and when you put them all together on the wings, they create a pattern." This fact is what gave butterflies their Ancient Greek name "Lepidoptera" translating to "scale" and "wing".

The order of Lepidoptera also includes moths, which are very similar to butterflies, but have a few key differences. Butterflies have 'clubbed' antennae while moths have 'feathery' or plain antennae; butterflies are active in the day while moths come out at night; butterflies are often brightly coloured while moths are usually plain shades; there are 80-90 different types of butterflies in this area of Ontario, while there are a couple thousand types of moths.

Before heading out, guests were invited to borrow a butterfly net and a capture container, so that they could catch and view any butterflies they found. On the venture, Colin demonstrated a couple of tactics used to successfully sneak up on and catch butterflies. One of the methods was accurately called the "pancake method", in which the capturer-to-be comes from behind and below the butterfly, swoops upwards with the net, and gives a wrist-flick to flip the net around to seal off the entrance.

Several species of butterflies were captured and examined by the guests, and our guide Colin, including an American Copper, an Aphrodite Fritillary, an Atlantic Fritillary, and a Common Wood Nymph. Other insects were spotted and captured throughout the day as well, including moths, dragonflies, and an Ebony Jewel-Wing which is a type of damselfly. One enterprising young fellow, Maxwell Turpin of Minden, was the victorious capturer of most of the day's insects.

Special mention went out to Monarch butterflies which have become a "special concern" on both the Federal and Provincial levels on the Species at Risk list. The Monarch butterfly feeds only on Milkweed plants, and they one of the few species who migrate each winter...all the way to Mexico. It is there, in the wintering grounds, that the problems have arisen. Deforestation in Mexico is ruining the habitat for Monarchs, and fewer Monarchs survive to return to our area in the spring.



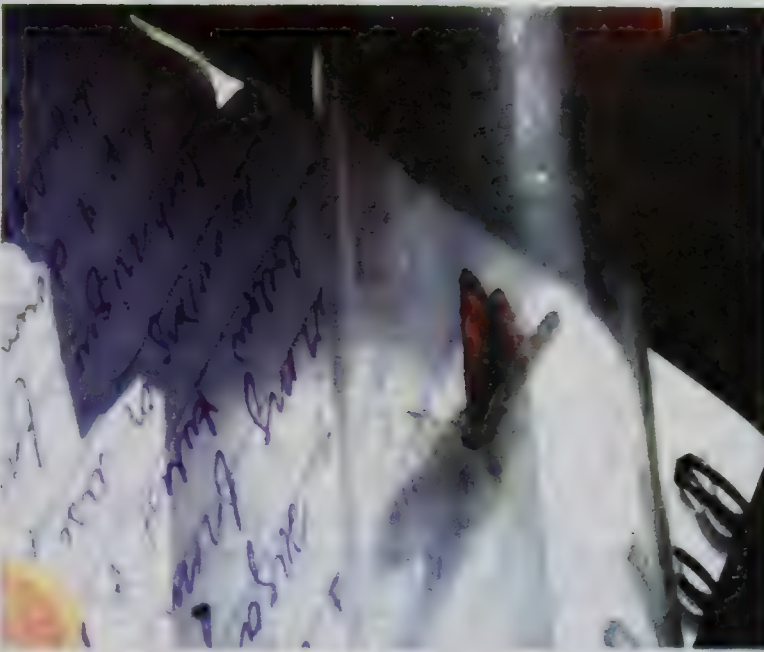
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Colin explained about some of the nastier aspects of the insect world, stating that "parasitoids" will lay eggs inside of caterpillars. "Then one day," said Colin, "the caterpillar will not feel so good, then suddenly it will split open and all this little flies will burst out and fly away." Despite how unfortunate this is for the caterpillars, it is widely acknowledged that this is simply nature's way.

The Stewardship Council is hosting Discovery Days throughout the whole summer, the next of which is entitled "Traditional Native Stories of the Land", where Elder Ned Benson will share the art of storytelling and drumming. This presentation will be held at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, beginning at 1:30. Be sure not to miss the Ssscensational Snakes presentation at the final Discovery Day - Why Wetlands - on August 18th. For more information, please visit www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/haliburton. ■

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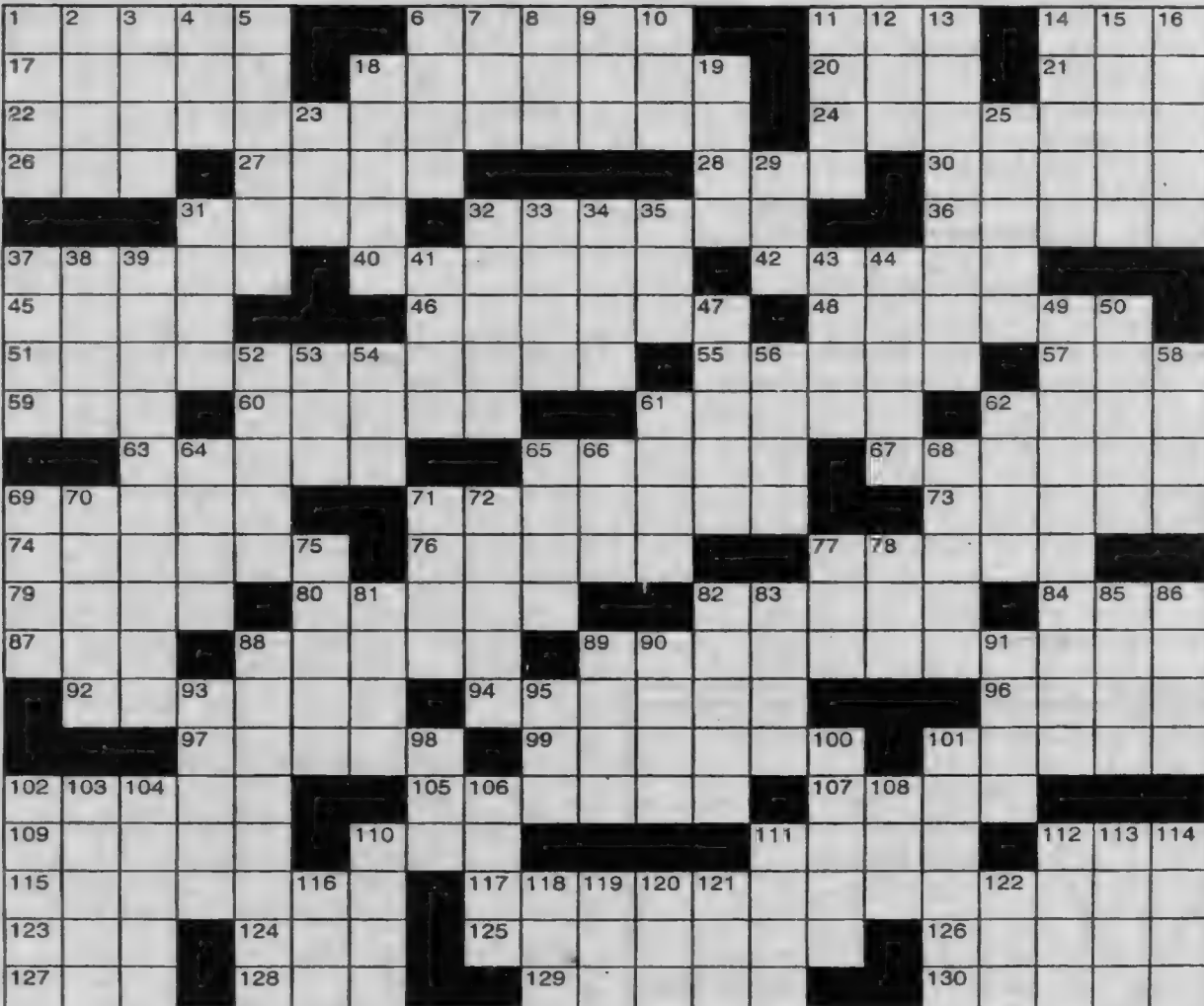
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Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

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DISREGARD FOR TRUTH

DEAR ABBY: My mother has a long history of lying in what appears to be her attempt to manipulate others. She is now 75, and my siblings and I know not to accept anything she says as the truth, and to always check with each other in order to find out the whole story. The other day she lied to me about a doctor's appointment. Shortly after I talked to her, my sister called me, furious about what Mom had really done. I called Mom back that evening to give her a chance to tell the truth. Instead, she made up another lie to cover up what she had done. That's when I told her I had already spoken to my sister. The whole situation makes me very sad, which I told her. I let her know I am "on to her" and have decided to give both of us some time to think about the situation. I know you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and I have given up trying. I love Mom, but her continued manipulation of others has driven me away from her. Is there any way for her to see how much her inappropriate behavior affects those of us who care about her? -- SAD SON IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR SAD SON: No. And by cross-checking whatever your mother tells you with your siblings, you are handling a difficult situation as well as you can.

DEAR ABBY: Our 19-year-old son is home from college for the summer and he "knows everything." His father and I have told him to wash all fruits and vegetables we buy fresh from the market before eating them. He feels this is not important and continues to eat apples, strawberries and lettuce directly from the container or plastic bag without rinsing them. Please let me know if our fears are real. I have always been told washing is necessary. I would love to show him something on this subject because he thinks I'm silly and overprotective. -- MOTHER KNOWS BEST IN TEXAS

DEAR M.K.B.: If seeing it in print will get your son's attention, I'm happy to oblige. Have him try this experiment: The next time he decides to eat a nice, shiny apple, have him soak it for 5 to 10 minutes in water to which several tablespoons of vinegar have been added. This will remove the waxy coating that is usually sprayed on them, and with it any dirt or "little critters" that may have become attached. Also, periodically on the nightly news we hear announcements of FDA recalls because of salmonella or E. coli that has been discovered on various vegetables. Although some are packaged as ready-to-eat, they, too, should be rinsed before using. Consider it "health insurance."

DEAR ABBY: I am the parent of a child with special needs. To an outsider he looks different; adults and children stare at him when we're out. My son is not aware of their impolite behavior, but I am -- and it really irks me. What should I say to these insensitive people? -- BOILING MAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR BOILING MAD: I don't think you should say anything. It is not unusual for individuals of every age to do a double take when they see someone -- or something -- that is "different." Of course staring is impolite, but unless someone makes a remark or asks a question about your son, you should ignore the person.



Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where -- sorry to say -- your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

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4. A small, celestial body revolving around a larger one.
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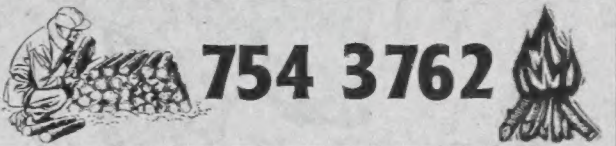
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Kennisis Lk-Paddy's Bay \$235,000

240 ft fr on 1.72 acres. Check out this great building lot on Paddy's Bay off Kennisis Lk. Natural rock entering the water, mature trees, great privacy. Western wide view. Great sunsets, quiet canoe rides. Close to the Kennisis Dam and a canoe trip to Red Pine and the Frost Center.

Kennisis-Paddy's Bay \$299,000+HST

700 ft fr, priv, great swimming. Ideal for small children to learn boating techniques, minutes to the dam for the canoe routes also 2 lake Kennisis Chain for serious boating and fishing. Builders dream. See \$549,000 owners cottage must sell first.

Kennisis Lake \$549,900



View! multi-level decking. Entertaining or relaxing in the sun. Hard sand shoreline. Lge lakeside windows & skylights to let the sun in, huge vaulted ceilings, open concept design, 4 lge bdrms & 2 baths, loft area & attached garage for storing tools & toys. Great privacy & easy yr round access.

Little Redstone \$1,139,000



1.75 ac, 365 ft FR, sand beach, deep water. High end finishes, reclaimed Rock Elm & slate floors, Douglas Fir staircases & trim, stained glass and lead infused windows & 3 stone fireplaces. 4000 sq. ft. of living space, 5 bdrms, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, lge deck, screen porch.

Maple Lake \$949,000



Maple Lk Lochaven Inn use as lodge, family or business retreat. Almost 10 acres, sand shore. Main lodge 5640 sq ft, reno stainless kitchen, lge DR w/hardwood flrs, oak bar, stone FP, games rm. Coach House 7 units-3 w/FP's, 4 detached cabins w/FP(3@16x20, 1@20x24). Barn (storage) (40x24), sauna/hot tub building

Little Kennisis \$399,900



1650 sq. ft., 4 bdrm open concept. Pine floors, natural stone fireplace, laundry & several walkouts to deck with a stunning expansive view. Limestone landscaping and clean rock shoreline. Nicely treed for a private setting! Bonus of abutting 66 foot vacant township parcel.

Little Redstone \$649,900



253' frontage, sand shore, sunsets. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, open concept 4 season home/cottage loaded in pine features cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, wood airtight stove with stone hearth, hardwood floors, full partially finished lower level, drilled well. 33' x 22' double garage.

Little Kennisis Lk \$559,000



262' frtg sand & deep water. 2500 sq. ft custom cottage/home has 3 bdrms, 2 propane brick fireplaces, skylights, sunroom, walkout basement & lge laundry area. Custom kitchen for Mom and large garage with loft for Dad and all the toys and overflow guests.

Paddy's Bay Kennisis \$549,000



895 ft fr, 12 ac, point lot W,N,E exp, 2400 sq ft, Viceroy, open concept, hardwood flrs, 2 ensuite 1-2 pc, master needs partition to give 3rd bdrm, 3 decks. Total priv. Great walking bush. Sandy, good swimming

Kennisis Lake West Shore \$599,000



West Shore-335 ft of frontage, 3.5 acres on Beautiful Kennisis Lake. Variety of shoreline. Lots of space to have walking trails. Nice trees. Great privacy. You have a head start on this property. Driveway already in, some clearing done and foundation dug.

Redstone Lot \$139,000



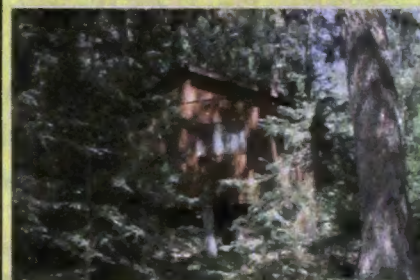
Lot on Redstone 100 ft fr on Lake, building lot across the road. Septic & driveway permit. Deck & dock at water's edge. Vendor also offering 2nd property 5 mins away 3 bdrm cottage \$469,000 under 3 acres on Redstone River

Redstone \$469,000



Priv in a Dramatic River & Forest Setting. Approx 800 ft of Fr. & over 2 ac. Yr RND cottage 3 bdrms, 2 baths. Guest 1/4's with additional 1/2 bath. Walking trails. 5 mins to Redstone boat launch or buy owner's Building lot for \$139,000 on Redstone to park your boat or build.

Kennisis Lake Lot \$299,000



Answer to your dreams! Kennisis Lake building lot with small cabin. 100 ft lot, gentle slope easy access, well treed with mature pine and maple. Good privacy from the neighbors. Great spot to build your dream cottage with highly desired south exp & sand beach.

Grass Lake \$239,000



Level lot, winding stream, bridges over the stream. Sand beach. Good view of this 3 chain lake. Drilled well, overflow into the creek. Paved drive. Easy access off Hwy 35. 2 bdrm, bath, laundry, open concept Kit/DR/LR with pine cathedral ceiling. New windows, wood stove. Single car garage and storage shed.

Redstone Lake \$329,000



3 bdrm cozy cottage .with area for laundry & pantry. Vaulted wood ceilings, open concept LR/DR/Kitchen. With some work could be 4 season use. Priv lot with great views of Redstone. Lots of areas to play. Sandy entry to deep water. Snowmobile ramp off lake.

Bitter Lake Rd \$69,000



3.53 ac maple bush to roam. 16 by 20 cabin /deck to sit and watch wildlife meander by. Space for campfires & kids to run. Close to snowmobiling. Walking distance to Bitter/Burdock lakes. Put your boat in, enjoy fishing on these 2 lakes. 10 mins to Kennisis, Redstone LK.

Kennisis Lake West Shore \$2,950,000



4284 sq ft timber frame cottage, meticulous detail & 3000 sq ft of lower W/O space partially finished. Attached 3 car garage. Granite, reclaimed hemlock & Berber flrs. Solid Douglas fir beams, doors and wall panels. Curly cherry custom cabinets. 3.17ac, 200 ft fr, granite shore line & spectacular view.

Kennisis Lake \$489,000



This property radiates unbelievable energy. Moss and pine needles cover the forest floor. You can almost see the fairies flitting about this point lot. Water on 3 side, breathtaking view, level lot. 3 bdrms & den, garage+studio. Furnished. 3 seasons could convert

Kennisis Lake \$499,000



Fully furnished, 4 season cottage, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace, pine interior, open concept, many recent upgrades shows pride of ownership. Level lot, protected waterfront. Lge deck and docks.

Red Pine Lake \$229,000



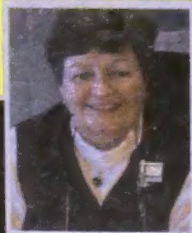
153 ft fr on 1.13 acres with 2 bdrm cottage totally renovated. Wood flrs, pine walls & cathedral ceilings, new windows & kitchen. Propane fridge, stove, airtight wood stove. Sauna Very private. Crown land beside and behind. Boat access by way of Kennisis Dam

Haliburton - Halbiem \$89,000



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